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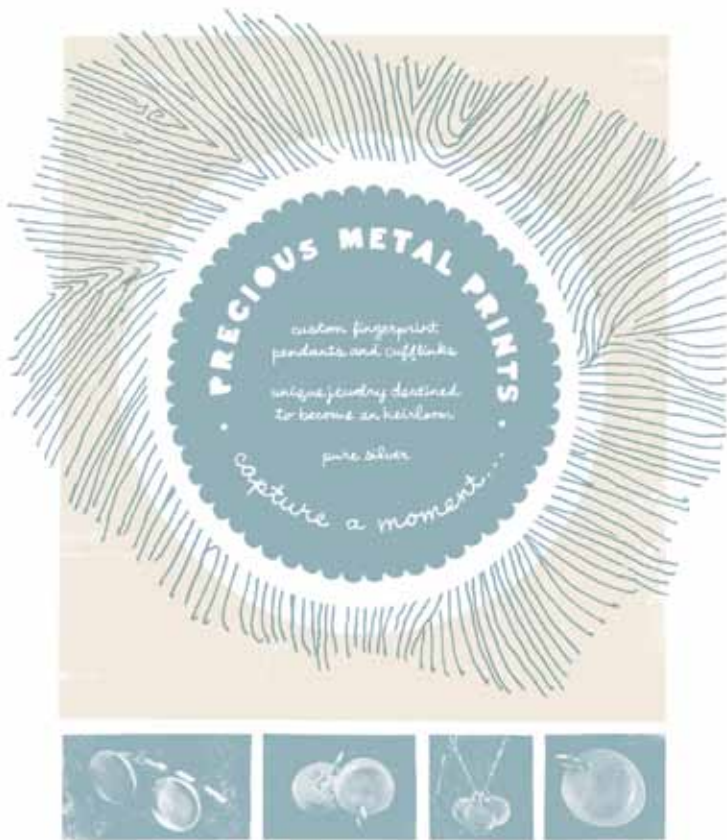
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Preserving the Presto Press

Efforts Underway to Digitize Mattapoisett Treasure

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

If you've lived in the Tri Town for more than 20 years, there is no doubt you've heard of the *Presto Press* – a free weekly publication that lined the shelves of local shops and community centers for almost 40 years.

And you've probably seen the well-known operation out of 15 Mechanic Street in Mattapoisett. You may recall the press releases, local new stories, and the beautiful artwork that adorned the covers and enhanced the advertisements. (*The Wanderer* adapted much of the style of *Presto Press*).

With the passing of *Presto Press* founder Donald Jason in November 2010 and more recently his wife, Joan – who served as the typist throughout the decades of its publication – the surviving family inherited a treasure of Tri-Town history.

Recognizing the preservation potential, a few local individuals and groups have decided to act to ensure this piece of history does not vanish forever.

Mattapoisett resident Don Cuddy was the first to reach out to the Jason family in the hope of finding a way to keep *Presto Press* in the history books.

"He really wanted to preserve every copy of the *Presto*," recalled Sharon Hartley, the niece of Donald

Jason.

Soon the Mattapoisett Free Public Library and the Mattapoisett Historical Society teamed up, with the idea of digitizing the entire collection and making it available at the library. In that way, anyone who wants to conduct a search of material in past issues – including news, press release and ad content – can access it immediately at their fingertips.

Digitizing the entire *Presto Press* is no minor undertaking.

"I called Woodley Hartley [Sharon Hartley's husband] and asked, 'Are there 40 boxes [of issues]?' There was dead silence on the other end," Seth Mendell of the Mattapoisett Historical Society recalled. He said Mr. Hartley explained to him that many issues were unaccounted for and likely could fill 100 boxes.

"We spent hours going through the issues, and what we found was that there were many duplicates. 44 boxes would be an absolute set. Every single issue," Mr. Mendell said.

The first issue released in 1954 had about 16 pages, but towards the end of the *Presto Press* run in 1992 the number of pages was closer to 80, he said.

"If you assume an average of 40 pages, and about 40 years worth with 50 issues, that gives you about 80,000 pages to be digitized," he said.

Knowing that the work was not cut out for them, Mattapoisett Library Director Susan Pizzolato decided to



Above: Fifteen Marion residents (and friends) took advantage of a warm and sunny winter Saturday two weeks ago to walk through beautiful woods and wetlands to clean up the trails of the Sippican Lands Trust Radio Tower property. Nate Robertson (left) and Sam Harris with the tires they found and lugged off the SLT property. Photo by Peter Converse

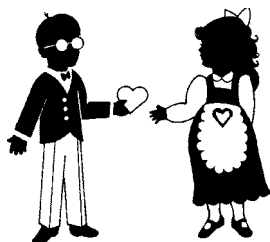
On the Cover: Popeye and Olive Oyl pose with a copy of *The Wanderer* in Sweethaven. The village of Sweethaven was originally built for the production of the movie *Popeye* which starred Robin Williams and Shelly Duvall and was released in 1980. The village, located on the island of Malta in the Mediterranean Sea, is open to tourists and offers a variety of activities. Remember to bring a copy of *The Wanderer* with you on vacation and share your photos with our readers, more *Wanderer* photos are on page 58.

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seek a grant from the Digital Commonwealth and Boston Public Library to digitize the collection at no cost. As such, the work of extensive cataloguing and digitizing would be outsourced and not strain local resources.

"You'll be able to see ads and the copies, advertisements, and wonderful social history. It will also serve as a public record for local government," she added.

While Ms. Pizzolato works with the Boston Public Library to try to make it happen, the issue of where to store the entire collection posed another problem. Thanks to the Mattapoisett Historical Society, the effort received funding for the storage of the 44 boxes, equipped with special digitized labels for retrieval, at Brownell Storage.

"The collaboration has been wonderful between [Mr. Cuddy] and the family and the historical society and library. It appears this will go forward," Ms. Pizzolato said. "I'm excited to be able to preserve the history of the Tri-Town."

Inside these 44 boxes contain thousands of issues that not only chronicle Tri-Town history, but represent the artistic and entrepreneurial ambitions of one Mattapoisett family.

Sharon Hartley vividly recalls the lives her uncle and grandfather – Donald and Walter Jason – led as the founders of *Presto Press* (which was named Presto because readers looking for services were said to open the issue and say "Presto!" when they found what they were looking for). Indeed, the whole operation was a family business.

After serving in the Navy, studying commercial art at Williams College and a finishing a stint as an artist in Boston, Mattapoisett native Donald Jason returned to his hometown to pursue his father's dream: starting a community paper.

"When they decided to embark on that adventure, my grandfather was the salesperson and he'd go all around the area, and even around the cape, and he would bring back the ads. And my uncle, the artist, would set up the ads," Ms. Hartley explained of the paper's beginnings in 1954.

As a little girl who lived in the same house of her grandfather, Ms. Hartley grew up with the *Presto Press*. "I was little then, so it was always a part of our life."

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She said the issues represent old fashioned journalism with stories, press releases and ads hand typed, the issues collated by hand (often with friends and family pitching in at deadline time), and artistic sketches that pre-dated computer graphics.

"Whenever I'd visit him, he'd be at his architect table standing, and he would be cutting and pasting," Ms. Hartley recalled. "I remember this special instrument that would make the letters. So he would trace the letters around this template, and he would create letters of different sizes for the ads – and sometimes he drew the pictures with pen and ink."

As a master artist, Mr. Jason also would illustrate the covers with beautiful renderings of the town and its



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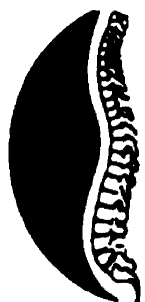


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nautical character, and even drew historic figures like John Glenn and Abraham Lincoln.

Over the years the paper transformed from a small 16-page leaflet into an 80-page journal of everything Tri-Town.

"It's kind of amazing the growth of the sophistication over the years," Ms. Hartley said.

Mr. Mendell of the Mattapoisettt Historical Society said that the issues, if preserved, will be a "very valuable asset to the town."

"It's like having a slice of time of 40 years of Mattapoisettt history at your fingertips that you can search and access immediately. That is absolutely remarkable. It is really a gift to the history of Mattapoisettt. Just to have that slice of time preserved time for many generations to come is fantastic," he said.

Anatomy of Rhythm

By Eric Tripoli

Students at the Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisettt were treated to a special presentation on Tuesday focusing on drum music from Ghana, Africa. Music educator Ian Gendreau, who has been playing percussion since he was young, travels to schools around Massachusetts with a variety of African rhythm instruments, teaching students about the music of an ancient nation no larger than the size of Oregon.

Mr. Gendreau was first exposed to African music



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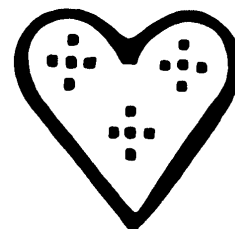
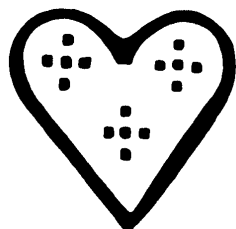
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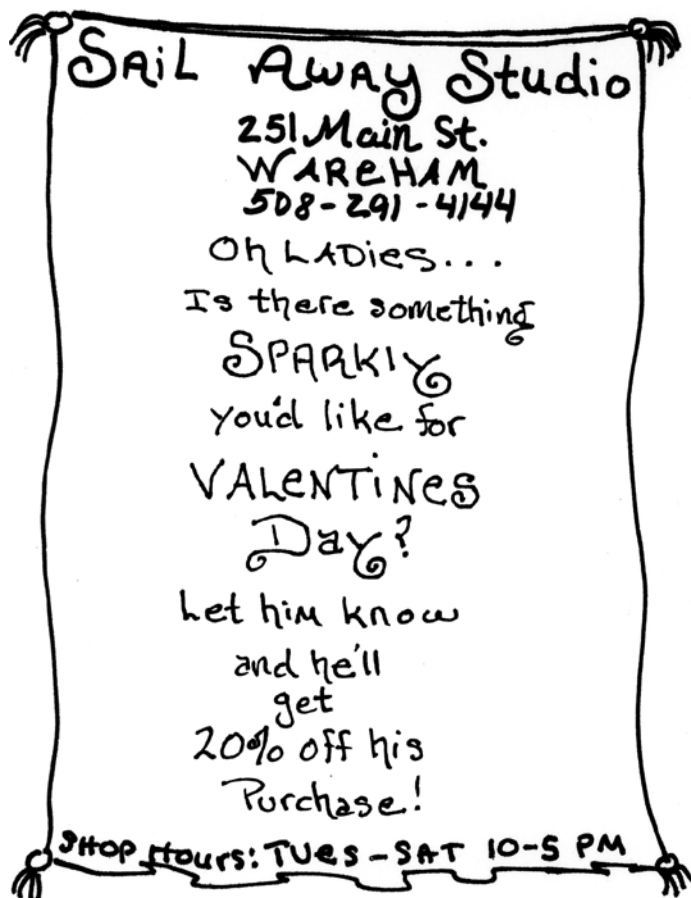

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late in high school. Later, while pursuing his undergrad studies in music in Buffalo, he became interested in teaching.

"When I was in college, I got involved with some people who did African music and Caribbean music. But they were all teaching artists, doing residencies, workshops, and assembly programs. So I really got the bug for teaching and sharing stuff with kids," he said. Today he teaches at Tufts University in Medford, as well as Bristol Community College in Attleboro.

So for one hour, sixth graders at Old Hammondtown School put down the pencils and picked up African kpanlogo (hand drum), gankogui (duel-tone bell), and atoke (single-tone bell), and learned hands-on some of the basic rhythmic patterns found in the music of Ghana. Most of the drums were made in Africa, but a few were made in the United States by natives of Ghana.

He began with a brief geography lesson, informing the students of Ghana's location on the west coast of Africa, and kept them enamored with his explanations of the carvings on the drums, and how different animal skin – used for the drumheads – can offer different tones depending on the drum.

Then it was playtime.

The students carefully but excitedly gathered around the circle of fragile instruments, eager to play. Mr. Gendreau worked individually with each group based on instrument, explaining the role they would play in the rhythmic structures they were going to build together. Once the kids locked in with each other, their pensive expressions gave way to confident smiles as they realized they were making music as a community. The students had opportunities to play each instrument and learn two different songs.

The presentation was organized by Debra Nettles and the Mattapoisett PTA. Martha Loer, assistant to Nettles, was there for the performance and understands the importance of programs like these in expanding students' worldviews.

"The hands-on interaction the kids get with the drums is something they'll never forget and it can only broaden their awareness of other cultures in the world,"

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she said.

Mr. Gendreau is careful to illustrate to the students that these drums and this music only represents a very small part of an enormously dynamic and culturally rich continent.

"I love the joy of teaching this stuff, as well as correcting a lot of the popular misconceptions of what Africa is like. Ghana is one element of a much bigger picture," he said.

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By Joan Hartnett-Barry

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music to express it.

"Throughout the ages, music and song and love and affection have been linked," explained Cassandra Morgan, a member of the Occasion Singers, who will host a Cabaret Valentine Night of Love Songs at the Marion Art Center, on Saturday, February 11 at 7:30 pm.

"Going back hundreds of years, music was the only entertainment that people had, except for church music, which expanded and evolved into folk and love songs," says Ms. Morgan.

The a cappella vocal group will focus on love songs for Saturday's upcoming event. The Occasion Singers have been around for approximately two years and originally was formed to sing at a friends' wedding.

"We rehearsed and practiced and had so much fun we agreed to stay together as a group and sing at weddings and funerals," Ms. Morgan said.

The group has added to their repertoire over time and each member sings several solos and a variety of duets. According to Ms. Morgan, a list of approximately 25 songs will be available for attendees to choose to have sung to their valentine at the concert. The concert will also feature a sing-along, with the audience joining with the group to sing several Beatles and Elvis Presley hits.

The group consists of six singers, three men and three women who have worked together to perfect their harmony. The group will perform some jazz and light pop classics such as "My Funny Valentine", "Can't Help

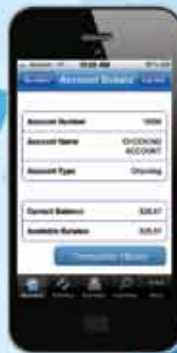
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"We are all her (Cassandra Morgan) former students," said Rui Moniz, the bass baritone in the group. "I've known Sandy since I was a freshman at New Bedford High School, where she was the choral director." Other members include Christopher Saulnier, Eric Bosworth, Melanie Hannack, Denise Bastos and Caroline Blais.

The group does various charity work, including singing at the Mattapoisett town Christmas Tree Lighting, at Mattapoisett's Harbor Days, at the Acushnet Lions Club and other benefits for non-profits or churches. Ms. Morgan is the organist and choir director at the First Congregational Church of Marion and has taught music for several decades.

Tickets and reservations can be made by contacting the Marion Art Center at 508-748-1266 or by e-mail at www.marionartcenter@verizon.net. The Marion Art Center is located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion.

Classic Movie Nights Start Rolling in Marion

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

You can't beat a free classic movie – not to mention free popcorn – especially on a cold February evening. The Sippican Historical Society is bringing classic movies, with a historical bent, to the public at the Marion Music Hall once a month. If all goes well, they plan to continue the series during the summer as a "drive

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in theater" with movies being shown on a big screen at the band shell on Island Wharf.

Over 55 people attended the Friday night screening of *The African Queen*, a 1951 classic set in Africa during the start of the World War I. The film features Katharine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart as unlikely allies who fall in love and sink an enemy ship using ingenuity and determination.

On March 2, *Young Mr. Lincoln* will be shown at 7:00 pm at the Music Hall. On April 13, *Sunrise at Campobello* and on May 4, *Maytime* will be shown. All presentations are free and open to the public.

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Society's Executive Director, Kim Teves. "It's fun, nostalgic and gets people together...we're choosing classic films with historical relevance." Ms. Teves also entertained the movie goers with a trivia quiz together at the onset of the viewing.

The smell of popcorn permeated the air as attendees listened to Truman Terrell play the piano on the stage. Mr. Terrell volunteered his time to help create atmosphere prior to the start of the film. Volunteers from the historical society sold bottled water, soda and candy.

Tom Shire, a movie buff, brought several posters and booklets and placed them around the stage for people to view. After the film, Mr. Shire answered questions about the film and spoke briefly about the actors, mentioning that Humphrey Bogart won an Academy Award for his role as Mr. Charlie Allnut, captain of the African Queen.

"We even have an old time popcorn popper machine," said Ms. Teves, who quickly ran out of popcorn after a long line gathered around the refreshment table. According to Ms. Teves, the idea to run a classic movie series came from Sally Conkright, President of the Sippican Historical Society Board of Directors.

The next film in the series, Young Mr. Lincoln, was chosen because of the connection to Marion. According to Ms. Teves, Lincoln biographers John Nicolay and John Hay both visited Marion while working with Richard Watson Gilder, editor of The Century Magazine. Nicolay and Hay were Lincoln's personal secretaries who later wrote a very popular serialized biography of Lincoln that ran in the magazine.

"We want to run the series through the summer, if all goes well," said Ms. Teves. "Our preference would be to have it at the bandstand with a drive-in quality about it."

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Town Meeting Date Set for May 21

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

The date for this year's Spring Annual Town Meeting in Rochester has been set.

Town Administrator Richard LaCamera informed the Rochester Board of Selectmen at their February 6 meeting that the annual meeting will take place on May 21. Warrant articles will be accepted through April 6, he said, and all zoning articles must be submitted to the Town Hall by March 15.

Budget preparation is well underway before town residents will vote on the final numbers at the spring meeting, he added.

Mr. LaCamera said budgets have arrived from all town departments, and not one of them is receiving any increases this year due to the economic climate and stagnant state aid. However, he did say the town would incur small increases due to elections.

The town is still waiting for Old Rochester Regional to provide its budget, which Mr. LaCamera said it should receive later this month.

The Selectmen also reviewed correspondence from Brendan Annett of Watershed Protection regarding the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's decision to change the classification of Hathaway Dam from Significant Hazard Potential to Low Hazard Potential. The decision opens the way for Beaton's Inc. to request jurisdiction of the dam at Hathaway Pond as agreed upon with the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

"It looks like they are trying to make progress. They are moving in the right direction," said Selectman

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Mr. LaCamera also informed the board that the towns have entered into a three-year contract with ORCTV as of November 30, 2011. Under the new contract, Mattapoisett will receive one ninth of the Verizon/Comcast fees to video record their own government meetings.

In other business:

- The Selectmen approved a zoning bylaw change presented by Planning Board member Susan Teal that would fix a typo in the signage regulations.
- The Selectmen appointed Kari Medeiros to the Rochester Agricultural Commission.
- Mr. LaCamera said there will be a vacancy in



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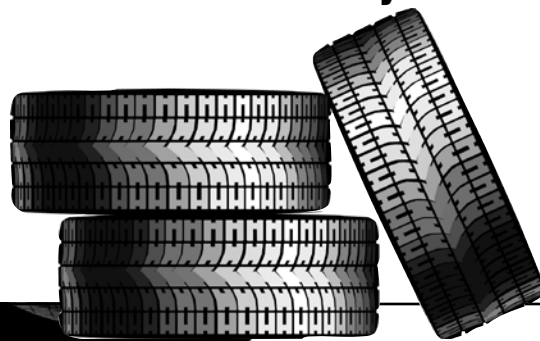
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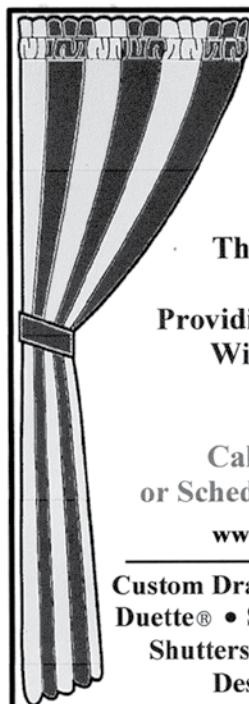
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the Parks Commission, and encouraged anyone interested to run for the position.

• Selectman Parker informed the board that Helena O. Brown – a former town employee active in the community – passed away.

Job's Cove Aquaculture License Approved

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

About two years after first pursuing a permit to operate a one-half acre oyster farm business at Job's Cove, Chris and Benjamin Bryant of Greenport Consulting finally received the Marion Board of Selectmen's stamp of approval to proceed.

The Mektukquaamsett Improvement Association, a group of homeowners from the Jobs Cove area, had contested the proposed aquaculture business but the MA Department of Environmental Protection had officially backed the project. The association took the case to the MA DEP Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution, arguing that the operation was on too large of a site and adversely impact the endangered Diamondback Terrapin.

The office of appeals, however, sided with the applicants last summer and denied a request to reconsider the matter. With all of the town permits obtained from necessary boards, the Selectmen formally endorsed the aquaculture license at their meeting on February 7.

"I feel we are in a mortal room of Dorothy, brought into the room by the Wicked Witch of the West...We completed our task, and completed our permits," said applicant Chris Bryant.

"We will use a small amount of seed this spring and grow into our site," the applicant said of the oyster operation, which would use floating bags held by buoys. "We've got a good background so I we think we'll be okay."

"We got involved into looking at ecologic ways to improve the harbor, it had nothing to do with the paycheck," he said in general of his aquaculture undertaking.

Selectman Jonathan Henry lauded the Bryants for their persistence in pushing the application through.

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"I can't tell you how much I appreciate your support right from the beginning. I've had the worst events happen in the past two years, but the town has been outstanding," said Chris Bryant. "Every one we've dealt with has been great to us, if it hadn't been for that we would have given up."

In other business at the Selectmen's meeting, the board voted to assist Baywatch Realty in getting special tax credit financing for their affordable housing project.

The board will submit a letter of support on behalf of Baywatch, but Selectman Roger Blanchette stressed that it is "strictly a financial matter."



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"We are pretty much aware there are a lot of hoops [for Baywatch] to go through: the ZBA, Conservation, and the [MA Department of Environmental Protection]. It doesn't relate to the other things required," he said.

The board also approved a three-year contract between towns regarding ORCTV access. Under the new agreement, Town Administrator Paul Dawson assured the Selectmen and public that "the services will remain the same" despite Mattapoisett pulling back one-ninth of the franchise cable fees to do their own government broadcasting.

"It's been a challenge to keep an agreement in place so all towns get equal benefit. This has gone on for months, the legal wrangling between lawyers," Mr. Dawson said. "But this is a very good agreement that protects the services the towns have always enjoyed. All towns get equal value out of it. It took a lot of back and forth and wrangling, but I think it is a good solid contract."

In other business, the Selectmen endorsed a negotiated agreement with Marion town employees effective from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.

"It was a process long, but in the end a good contract for both sides," said Selectmen Stephan Cushing.

The Town Administrator also reported that the recently formed Town House Study Committee – which is investigating the renovation needs of the building– is underway. Planning Board member Jay Ryder is serving as Chairman.

"The committee is up and going and things are moving along," he said.

In other business, Mr. Dawson said he has narrowed down applicants for a part-time Grant Administrator for the town to three candidates. The Selectmen will conduct the final interviews at their next meeting.

Mattapoisett Saves with Refinancing

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Eric Tripoli

The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday night to approve the town's municipal bond refinancing plan. Mattapoisett had refinanced over \$2 million in municipal bonds, including one for \$550,000

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The Town of Mattapoisett had originally accepted refinancing bids from various banks and a deal was ultimately signed with Unibank for a rate of 1.65% interest on the bond. As a result, the town will save \$110,000 over the life of the bond.

Standard & Poor's recently upgraded its rating of the town's management practices from "standard" to "good." This will allow the town to receive better rates when borrowing money such as the refinancing has shown.

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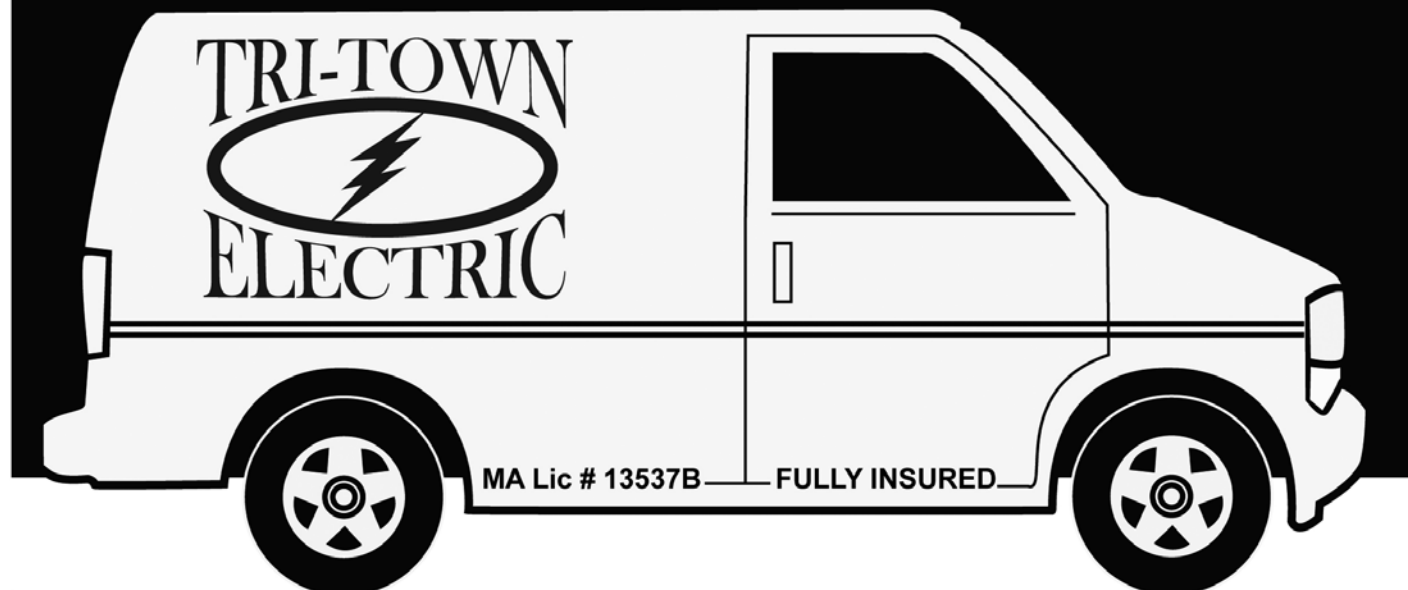
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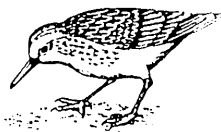
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Summary, "An FMA of good indicates that financial management practices exist in most areas, though not all might be formalized or regularly monitored by governance officials. The town has a comprehensive five-year capital plan that looks at both facilities and infrastructure improvements." Town Administrator Mike Gagne reported that the town has made progress by ensuring level funding of the stabilization fund and other savings that reflect well for the town when being rated.

The Board of Selectmen also voted to approve the ballot for the presidential primary, to be held on March 6, 2012.

Scaled Down Pico Beach Home Approved

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Eric Tripoli

The Mattapoisett Planning Board held its regular meeting on Monday, February 6 at the Town Hall. The agenda was comprised of two points of new business, both involving land zoning. The first was a Request for Approval of a Repetitive Petition, by engineer Doug Schneider on behalf of applicant, Dian L. D'Orlando, regarding renovations to be made to a beach house at 52 Pico Beach Road.

Mr. Schneider was submitting revised plans in an effort to be in compliance with orders from the Zoning Board of Appeals, who decided the overall square footage should be reduced by 25 percent. The plans call for the original single-floor, three-bedroom structure to be razed, with a two-story structure to be built atop the existing deck and pylons.

This new home was originally to have a second full bath, as well as five total bedrooms. Following the initial rejection of the plans by the Zoning Board, Schneider and the applicant scaled back the vision for the project

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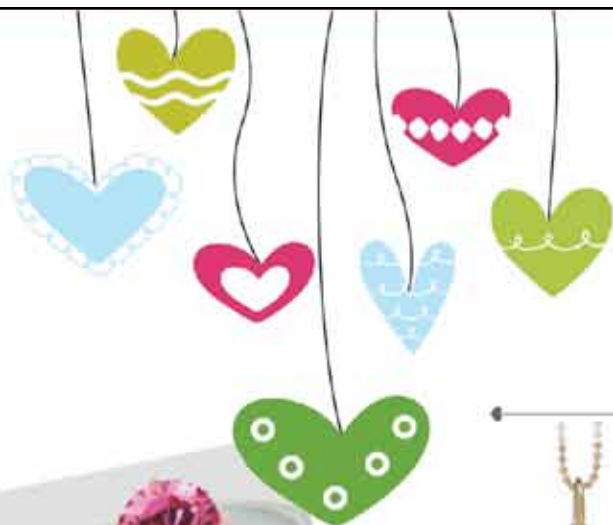
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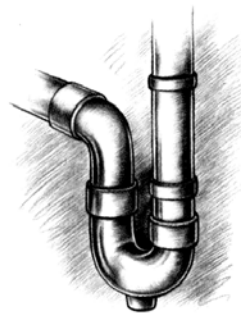
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During the discussion, Attorney Marc R. Deshaies, on behalf of a next-door neighbor to the D'Orlando property, voiced concern that the overall height of the home would obstruct the views of the ocean for homes located in lots nearby. Even with the lowered rooflines, the "home would be 12 to 15 feet too high."

Mrs. D'Orlando's husband, Allen, responded by saying that restricting the height of the home would be unfair because there were four houses close by that were two stories.

Planning Board member Karen Field inquired about the exact height of the home, but Mr. Schneider did not know the exact measurement. "It will be well below the 35 foot maximum," he said.

"Overall, there has been a pretty dramatic changes made to the aesthetics of the house," said Planning Board Clerk Ronald Merlo.

The Planning Board decided that since the Zoning Board Committee did not set more specific standards for how the home's size should be reduced, they voted unanimously to approve Mr. Schneider's petition.

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"They have lost the overhangs, reduced the visual impact of the house, and the number of bedrooms. I find that is a substantially smaller house, taking everything into consideration, than what was originally proposed," said John Mathieu, of the Planning Board. The plans must now go back to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Schneider was also presenting a Form A application on behalf of an applicant who wished to remain unnamed. The Planning Board approved a division of land near Park Place and Park Lane that fully conforms to zoning regulations for frontage and area.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for March 5 at 7:00 pm.

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Marion Town Debt Issues Overwhelm Board

Marion Planning Board

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

What started out as a routine Marion Planning Board meeting ended with discussions bordering on despair over the debt implications of various proposed town projects.

The renovation or reconstruction of the Town Hall, a possible expansion of the library along with the recent estimate of \$27 million for a water and sewer project with the subsequent road repaving, appeared to be the straws that broke the camel's back at the meeting.

"Did you know that Marion has the highest sewer rate in the Commonwealth and the third highest water rate (in MA)?" asked Chairman Jay Ryder. "It's hard for me to believe that we can afford all of this."

"We're over \$40 million in debt right now, more than we've ever been in history...the sheer number is huge," he said, encouraging the public to attend a public meeting on the \$27 million water and sewer project on Thursday, February 9 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall.

The upcoming meeting was called by the Marion Board of Selectmen and will include members of the Capital Improvement Committee and the Finance Committee. A presentation of the water and sewer project, along with a question and answer session, will follow. Other town projects likely will be discussed, due to the sum total in dollars currently being proposed in the town.

"There's no way we can finance all the projects in the pipeline," said member Tom Magauran, who estimated that there are approximately \$60 million dollars in proposed projects currently under consideration in the town.

"Will this project (water and sewer) double our rates?" asked Mr. Magauran. "We're talking about taking on debt for the next 30 years out."

"We need someone from the Board of Selectmen to stand up and answer some hard questions...the Capital Improvement Committee has no decision power...we need someone to step up and give direction," said Mr. Magauran.

In other business, Mr. Magauran discussed ideas to bring before the town meetings in the fall. He said that the passage of the 1999 up zoning by-laws created a burden for many town residents who live on non-conforming lots.

"We need to include the Zoning Board of Appeals in our discussion," said Chairman Ryder.

"This should be discussed, but with all board

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members present," said member Steve Gonsalves. "It's important that we have input from the entire board."

The board agreed to discuss the ideas at an upcoming meet and agreed that all members of the board should participate in the discussion.

In other business:

- The board approved an Approval Not Required application for Jake Jacobson to combine two lots into one at his property 30 Alden Road.

- The board approved a disbursement to Field Engineering from the consulting account for the Cumberland Farms project in the amount of \$210. The total was subtracted from the project fund, which was funded at \$4,500. The monies are for Field Engineering, hired by the Town of Marion, to oversee and check on developments during the construction of the new two-story facility.

RMS Draft Budget "Alarming"

Rochester School Committee

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Due to a tightening budget on the school and town, ten positions may be eliminated from Rochester Memorial School next year, it was revealed at the school committee's February 2 meeting.

Under intense financial pressure, the Town of Rochester asked the school committee late last year to propose a level-funded budget. To meet this request, the committee had to cut \$435,000 – the amount over the fiscal year 2012 budget that is required to maintain services for the next school year.

At the meeting, the school committee put into perspective what a \$435,000 cut would entail: the elimination of four professional teaching staff, six fewer paraprofessionals, reduced technology assistance, and the elimination of one bus – among other things.

Principal Jay Ryan spoke on how the cut would impact day-to-day learning. We said less assistance will be available in classrooms, and the lunch period would be changed from three to two periods to ensure adequate supervision in the cafeteria and in the playground. Also, some assistants in Kindergarten will disappear, he said.

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One staff cut is the science lab instructor, and students seeking individual instrumental musical instruction may need to pay for more of the costs out of their own pocket, Mr. Ryan said.

He said a "significant impact" would occur with class sizes. For grades three to six, the class size may rise to as high as 26 to 27 students per class.

"We know it will be concerning to the town...," School Committee Chairperson Tina Rood said of the draft budget, calling it "alarming."

"All parties affected have been spoken to, so we can have these conversations and everyone can understand the potential impact [the budget] can have," she added.

The cuts are not entirely unexpected. Federal stimulus dollars that have been supplementing the budget the past few years will be completely dried up by next year, and the Tri-Town will receive no education-related state aid increases under Governor Deval Patrick's January 25 budget proposal, according to Superintendent Doug White.

Mr. White added that the final budget numbers will not be known until late spring, after the budget is revised and voted on by the House and Senate. Mr. White stressed that the draft budget is preliminary, and that the school committee will look to find other funding sources, including a \$500,000 district-wide technology grant, to help offset the expenditures.

The RMS budget subcommittee, which presented the draft figures, spoke plainly about the challenges ahead due to certain increases – some expected and others unexpected – in the budget.

The rising number of students attending Bristol County Agricultural High School in Dighton, MA is directly impact the budget, for example.

Ms. Rood explained that under an agreement between the three towns, the local elementary schools have to pay tuition for high schoolers from their towns opting to attend.

"This increase is \$35,000 in next year alone, and it is taken out of RMS's budget," Ms. Rood said. She said the number of students enrolled at Bristol Aggie is 11

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students, compared to two or three students four years ago.

"The money goes right from RMS students to Bristol students," she said.

The same applies for special education: out-of-district services required for certain special education students are taken from the elementary school budget.

School Committee member Sharon Hartley said the Joint School Committee is investigating handling special education differently, by having the region pay for these costs instead of placing them solely on the three elementary schools.

"We are in the process of looking into that, and changing ways the financial burden is handled," Ms.



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Hartley said.

Ms. Rood also indicated that talks will be underway with Rochester town officials on removing Bristol Aggie tuitions from the RMS budget and adding it to the general town budget as a separate line item.

Another culprit to the higher budget number is increased utility costs associated with running the new building addition.

While Facilities Manager Steve Murphy said the "electric bill is moving in the right direction" in his energy-saving initiatives, one teacher in the audience wondered aloud why the town is not funding these increases, given that it knew they were coming.

"It is going to be perceived we built an extra building and now we can't [afford to] put teachers in the classrooms. That looks terrible," said Danni Kleiman, a sixth grade teacher.

In the meantime, the committee urged concerned residents to speak up.

"We are only so many voices, particularly at town meeting," said committee member Robin Rounseville. "If you are concerned, we need to hear from you and other people need to hear from you... Times are tough, but we need your help."

Superintendent Doug White said that anyone who wanted a copy of the budget should contact his office.

"We've taken what we think is a budget to allow us to provide a quality education and reduced that by \$435,000 ... I'll do what I can to ensure we are not approaching 30 [students] in a classroom," the superintendent said.

The official public hearing on the budget is scheduled for March 1, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the Rochester Town Hall.

Town Asks Sippican for \$215K Budget Cut

Marion School Committee

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

A packed house attended the Marion School Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 1 at the Town House to hear the committee discuss the town's



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request to remove \$215,000 from the proposed 2013 fiscal year budget.

Principal Lyn Rivet mentioned three scenarios, which included programing and staff reductions. Ms. Rivet said that she was directed by the Marion Budget Subcommittee to notify all staff that would potentially be affected by the cuts.

"Everything is on the table," said Chairman Brad Gordon, "We have certain obligations that must be met, including contractual, vocational education and special education areas that are mandated...these are the three big areas."

Superintendent Doug White said that staff at the school would be reduced by one teacher, due to a

retirement, and that the position would not be filled. "We no longer have the federal stimulus funds... they've dried up...the town has asked us to reduce our proposed budget by \$215,000 to \$230,000."

Superintendent Doug White said that Governor Deval Patrick's budget indicated that the junior and senior high school would receive a slight increase in Chapter 70 funding but the elementary schools in the district would receive no additional dollars in 2013.

"The increase of health insurance and retirement pension costs, the increased cost of special education services and the decrease of federal stimulus dollars... there will be some major challenges and obstacles that will need to be addressed as the school committees in the

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district prepare their final budget proposals that will be recommended to the towns in March," said Mr. White.

Although several attendees asked about the budget issues involving staff reduction, Chairman Brad Gordon told them that the open meeting in March would be the time and place to challenge any changes to the proposed budget, which is currently under consideration. The projected student enrollment for fiscal year 2013 is 460 to 465 students at Sippican Elementary School. The next meeting of the Marion School Committee – which will be open for comments on the budget – is scheduled for March 7, 2012 at 6:30.

In other business, Superintendent White gave his report and said that the new model system for educator evaluation was discussed with attorney Mike Long and that the language will need to be negotiated with all of the teacher associations before the system can be implemented in the district. Mr. White added that Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Educational (DESE) Commissioner Mitchell Chester said that the new evaluation tool will require tweaking over the next few years and that the new teacher evaluation system should benefit everyone involved in the process.

In other business, the Regional Educational Assessment and Diagnostic Services (READS) Collaborative agreed to accept the Somerset-Berkley Regional Public School District as a member. The board discussed and approved a one-year trial for the school.

The school calendar for 2013 was discussed briefly and attendee Peter Winters commented that he felt that the school year had too many half days and not enough full weeks. "It's tough for two working parents to keep up with the broken up schedule...we need more five day weeks and fewer half days," he said.

Elise Frangos, Director of Curriculum, discussed the recent participant by grades three through six in the Galileo curriculum-based measurement in English Language Arts. The Galileo is a simulation of the MCAS-type measurement of student achievement. Principal Rivet said that the results will be helpful in guiding students as they move closer to the 2012 MCAS tests in developing plans for question types that students have



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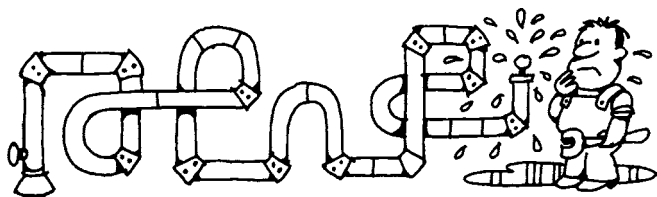
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stumbled on in the past.

Facilities Manager Steven Murphy said that the district had locked in a 6 cent rate for electricity for the FY 2013. The current rate ranges from 6 and a half to 8 cents, saving approximately \$1,000 per month for Sippican School. Mr. Murphy said that a flat gas rate has been negotiated and with a lower average daily temperature, he is projecting a 7 percent decrease in gas costs for FY 2013. Mr. White said that the savings generated in the facilities area would help offset the challenges of the FY 2013 budget.

School Report

ORR Students Teach "A Gladiator's Latin"

By Anne Smith

One of the big decisions for students entering Old Rochester Regional (ORR) Junior High School next fall is which foreign language they will elect to study for a year and a half. Usually this decision is heavily influenced by the advice of friends, parents, and older siblings, as the elementary schools do not offer language classes during school hours.

But for the past few years, Latin and Spanish teacher Marcia Ross of ORR High School has been working with the principals of Old Hammondtown School, Sippican Elementary School, and Rochester Memorial School to create after-school enrichment

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programs through which students can explore the three language programs available at the junior and senior high schools – Latin, Spanish, and French. This past week, the first four-week session of language classes at OHS ended.

This particular partnership, between the Classical and Modern Languages Department of ORR and OHS, developed from the organizational teamwork of Ms. Ross and OHS Principal Matthew D'Andrea.

From the ORR end of things, Ms. Ross helped high school students create their classes and provided both resources and advice for lesson planning, which the students-turned-teachers accomplished independently. Mr. D'Andrea, from the OHS end of things, made classrooms available after-school for the language classes



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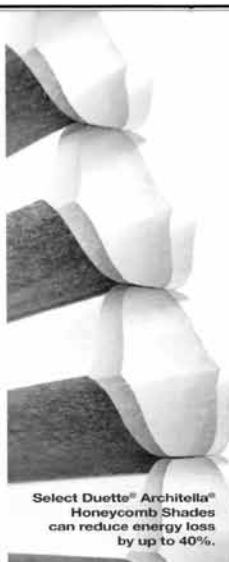
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to use, and the front office of OHS helped the ORR students locate supplies for their pupils' projects.

Last year, the schools partnered to offer a single eight-week session of after-school language classes. This year, however, it was decided to have two four-week sessions divided by the February vacation, thereby giving the students and volunteer teachers a break to explore other extra-curricular interests. The first classes began the week of January 8 and ended the week of January 29.

This year, classes focused primarily on Latin and Spanish. With the support of sophomore Ruhi Raje and fellow senior Katie Holden, I taught a Latin class to an assorted group of 10 fourth, fifth, and sixth-graders who already had extensive knowledge of Greek and Roman mythology.

The goal of the class, the three of us decided, would be to teach our students about Latin through the eyes of a gladiator. The lesson content was primarily based in culture, as the grammar of Latin is not discussed in full until the upper level Latin classes at the high school. There was no way that Ms. Raje, Ms. Holden, and I could teach elementary-aged students about conjugating verbs and declining nouns without permanently scarring and scaring them.

Besides, we had agreed at our first meeting that the culture of the Romans is incredibly rich and rather weak in the high school's program of study; it would be an excellent subject for our students to learn.

Ms. Holden and I were novices to this after-school language program; Ms. Raje was not, as she had taught a Spanish class the year before. Our classes were only an hour long, but we always ended up putting twice that amount of time into our lesson planning. We spent the January vacation creating an outline for our four classes and figuring out how to build from one lesson to the next.

In the days leading up to each class, we'd visit the spare room in the language hallway of the high school where Ms. Ross kept books and binders full of readings, crosswords, arts and crafts projects, and games. Using a collection of four books designed for teaching Latin to young children, we'd photocopy pages and arrange them



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by theme in a packet for our students to complete and take home. We'd sometimes borrow a box containing whiteboards, dry erase markers, and erasers so that our students could practice their lessons – they were very helpful in our lesson on Roman numerals.

The first week was spent covering Roman mythology and the Latin roots that appear in the *Harry Potter* series. Ms. Raje, Ms. Holden, and I were pleasantly surprised to see how familiar our students were with the mythology. They had already learned about the gods, goddesses, and myths of the ancient Greeks, so we used that knowledge to teach them about the Roman version. The students were also adept at identifying the Latin roots that J.K. Rowling used for her spells and characters' names. Our students were surprised to learn, for example, that Severus Snape's name comes from the Latin adjective "Severus," which means "severe" or "stern" in English.

In the second and third weeks, we tackled the ambitious goal of teaching our students the Latin names for animals. Using worksheets, crosswords, a chart, and a game called Vinco, we taught everything from domestic and barnyard animals to the ferocious wild animals that the Romans would import into Italy – such as lions and tigers. We enhanced their vocabulary with a crossword teaching the English adjectives such as "ursine," which means "like a bear." The class quickly learned how to take the Latin names for the animals and change the endings



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to find the corresponding adjectives. The OHS students thoroughly enjoyed the round of Vinco, which is an exact replica of Bingo. Cleverly, "vinco" means "I win" in Latin and the two winners from our class loved shouting it!

In our last class, the three of us taught a variety of cultural facts. We largely focused on the Colosseum, Circus Maximus, Roman theater, and the sheer magnitude and importance of the Roman public bathhouses. Our students were intrigued and shocked by revelations such as the Romans' method for getting clean — using oil and a metal scraper, called a strigil — and the number of participant deaths in the naval battles staged in the Colosseum.

After learning about the different ways someone could end up becoming a gladiator, our class applied their knowledge to an arts and crafts project that required matching pictures of the four kinds of gladiators to their description. The finished product was a pop-up book entitled "The Mighty Gladiators."

The capstone to this final class was a demonstration of the different fighting styles the gladiators would use in their combats. With the help of Ms. Holden, the pair of us acted out two battles. The first was between a Thracian and a Murmillo, or a lightly-armed gladiator against a heavily-armed one. Our second battle was between a Retarius and a Samnite; the children enjoyed this fight immensely as I entrapped my opponent, the Samnite Ms. Holden, using my "fishing net," which was really Ms. Raje's jacket. At the conclusion of our demonstration, the class unanimously agreed that if they were a gladiator, they would have liked to be a Retarius so that they could fight using a trident and fishing net.

It was a successful end to the first session for our class, as well as for the other Latin and Spanish classes. The volunteers from ORR will begin preparations soon in anticipation of the second session.

Tabor Report

Zonfrelli Honored for Charity Work

By Jake Farias

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what defines a champion. Torin Zonfrelli, a senior from Carver at Tabor Academy, is dedicated to excellence in all fields – athletic, academic, extracurricular – and on Friday, was recognized for his hard work and commitment to his community.

A two-sport captain and three-sport varsity athlete, Mr. Zonfrelli's superior ability in athletics is undeniable. Having took home the Class A, New England championship, he attended the National Prep Wrestling Tournament at Lehigh University for four year. Mr. Zonfrelli is an outstanding wrestler and an inspirational leader.

Mr. Zonfrelli was also awarded the Bay State Games Future Leaders Scholarship in the summer of 2011 and proved himself very capable the next season as a football captain.

In academics, Mr. Zonfrelli is devoted, underscored by the fact he skipped Precalculus to pursue the more challenging Calculus AB his junior year. Mr. Zonfrelli enjoys mathematics and sciences, filling his schedule with AP Chemistry and Differential Equations, but also branches out into classes like AP English Language and AP Economics. Throughout his four years, Mr. Zonfrelli has always maintained a heavy workload and a strong GPA.

However, Mr. Zonfrelli's most important contribution was not inside the school at all. Rather, on his own time, he began The Zonfrelli Project, which is

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dedicated to providing food for individuals and families in need. The Zonfrelli Project has helped countless families and now supplies the church food pantry at St. Anthony's Church in New Bedford, MA every Thursday.

In the spring of 2011, the Positive Coaching Alliance and Liberty Mutual Insurance began their search of the "Top 10 Responsible Sports Moments of the Year."

The PCA is headed by Jim Thompson, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, and is a national non-profit organization dedicated to building and rewarding character in youth athletics. The organization has various big names involved, including board members Steve Young, Hall of Fame San Francisco quarterback, and Doc Rivers, coach of the Boston Celtics. Last Friday,

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representatives from Liberty Mutual attended Tabor's weekly all school meeting to present Mr. Zonfrelli with a \$1,000 award to support charities of his choosing.

Congratulations to Torin Zonfrelli and best of luck in your future efforts.

Sports Shorts

By India Krawczyk

Old Rochester Boys and Girls Track – The boys and girls teams both beat Seekonk High School last week, making ORR Track undefeated SCC Champions for both the boys and the girls for the first time ever. In the 600 meter, **Morgan DaSilva** and **Tori Saltmarsh** racked up points for the team, taking first and third. In the mile, **Sam Barrett** and **Abby Hiller** accumulated enough points for ORR to decisively win before the relays.

For the boys, **Dan Donohue** and **Colin Knapton** took first and second in the 300. **David Romanowicz** scored well in both Hurdles and High Jump, and **David Friedman** and **Nick Pacheco** covered the distance races.

Next up ORR Track heads to the SCC meet on Saturday.

Old Rochester Girls Basketball – The girls' team qualified for the South Sectional tournament this week with their 40-39 victory over Case. With the Bulldogs trailing near the end of the game, **Gabby Reuter** scored in the last seven seconds to ensure victory. Reuter had 10 points in the game, joined in the double digits by **Milayla Bouvette** with 12, a career high. Their record now stands

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at 10-6 overall and 8-5 in the SCC. Next up they play Wareham.

Old Rochester Boys Basketball – The Boys also won against Case this week, finishing the game with a score of 64-54. **Forrest Cote** played well, scoring 11 points. **Max Risch** was also instrumental in winning, scoring 15 points, and **Matt Beatty** had 6. Their record now stands at 10-5 overall and 8-5 in the SCC.

Old Rochester Hockey – ORR Hockey did well this week with a 6-0 win over New Bedford Voke. In the first period, **Max Sherman** scored three successive goals, followed by **Bobby Stickles** and **Cam O'Connor**. In the second period, **Jeremy Lawton** finished up with the last goal eight minutes before the end of the game. Their record now stands at 7-3-4 overall and 5-1 in the SCC.

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Mattapoisett Rail Trail Update

Friends of the Bike Path will meet February 28, 2012 at the Mattapoisett Public Library on Barstow Street beginning 6:30. We are gearing up for an active year of progress, public relations, and events. The meeting agenda will include questions and answers on progress, as well as a planning session for upcoming events: Bike safety sessions and bike ride for April, plus a fitness and a fundraising challenge on Sunday June 24, 2012. Both events will be a family friendly to encourage everyone to come out and ride or walk on our beautiful rail trail.

Regarding bike path progress, there has been

a meeting with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and we are looking forward to a 25% review including a public hearing in late spring or early summer. We are hopeful that the successful 25% review will result in the Phase 1B project (Mattapoisett Neck to depot Street) being back in the regional TIP for construction funding. While we wait for construction, we hope to replace the former pedestrian bridge across the Eel pond breach. This project needs to get environmental permits squared away, but we are confident we'll get it done. And finally, we are working with other towns along the South Coast Bikeway (Fall River to Wareham) on a variety of informational and bike advocacy issues. Please come February 28 to learn all about what happening on the Bike Path and sign up to volunteer.

Blanche B. Perry Scholarship Award

When there is a 10% cut in the Financial aid budget for the state of Massachusetts; that means the affordability for more students to attend their college of choice will be compromised.

This year The Mattapoisett Land Trust is looking to select a qualifying candidate for the \$1000.00 "Blanche B. Perry Scholarship Award". This award is available to a resident senior graduating by June 2012, from secondary school pursuing an education in the sciences and or environmental studies or a related field.

The scholarship is made available through the Edith Glick Shoolman fund, a bequest left to provide support for children in the community. The scholarship is consistent with the Mattapoisett Land Trust mission "of preserving land in order to enrich the quality of life for present and future generations of Mattapoisett residents and visitors and of furthering environmental education in the community".

The application forms will be found in the guidance offices at the local public and private schools or at the Mattapoisett Land Trust website, <http://www.mattlandtrust.org/education/>

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How to Succeed in Business

Tabor Academy presents the popular musical "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying!" on February 23-25 at 7:30 PM on the stage of Fireman Auditorium, Hoyt Hall on the Tabor campus. A cast and crew of over 45 students have teamed up this winter to bring this Pulitzer Prize-winning musical to life. The lead role of J. Pierpont Finch, a window washer who cons his way to become CEO of the World Wide Wicket Company, is played by Oliver Palmer '13 of Owensboro, Kentucky. Rosemary, Finch's secretary and eventual wife, is played by Claire Knowlton '13 of Milford, MA. Other principle roles include Cal Heavey '12 of Marion as Bud Frump, the spoiled nephew of the boss, J.B. Biggley, who is played by Joe Coffey '13 of East Dennis, MA; Izzie Grover '12 of Marion who plays Smitty, Rosemary's best friend; Claire Chatinover '13 of Edgartown, MA as Hedy LaRue, Biggley's love interest; Rachel Petri '12 of Rochester as Miss Jones, Biggley's secretary; Chapman Hyatt '13 of Evergreen, Colorado as Bratt the personnel manager; and Jacob Swift '12 of Fairhaven as Twimble the head of the mailroom. The production staff includes John M. Heavey as the director, David Horne, the music director, Richard Van Voris the technical director, Danielle LaTulippe, the choreographer, Annemarie Ferdericks and Ruth Finnie the costume designers, and Molly Hanson '13 of Tiverton, RI as the stage manager.

"How to Succeed" (or "H2\$" as it is currently known on Broadway) opened on Broadway in October

1961, running for 1,417 performances. Starring Robert Morse in the lead role of Finch, the show won seven Tony Awards, the New York Drama Critics Circle award, and the 1962 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. In 1967, a film based on the musical was released by United Artists, with many of the original cast recreating their roles. A 1995 revival was mounted at the same theatre as the original production ran for 548 performances and starred Matthew Broderick and Megan Mullally. A 50th anniversary Broadway revival directed and choreographed by Rob Ashford and starring Daniel Radcliffe and John Larroquette opened on March 27, 2011, at the Al Hirschfeld Theatre where it is still enjoying a robust run.

H2\$ continues to draw enthusiastic audiences for the past forty years. A terrific line-up of songs written by Frank Loesser ("I Believe in You," "The Brotherhood of Man") powered by witty lyrics matches a clever story by Abe Burrows that satirically skewers the American corporate culture of the late 50's and early 60's. With its overt sexism and corporate promotion based on personality rather than performance, the world of H2\$ may seem distant from our own ostensibly P.C. culture. Yet, The World Wide Wicket Corporation may well remind audiences of the corporate culture of today!

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We congratulate freshman **Austin Alves** of Rochester for being selected by the Old Rochester Regional High School faculty and staff. Austin is a ninth grader that has brought positive energy to his class. He has exceeded the standards for both homework assignments and class participation. With his positive attitude and energy he will be a fine representative of the ORR community. Austin also participates in baseball and basketball.

First Annual Community Spelling Bee

Are you a logophile? Love crossword puzzles? Is correct spelling an absolute must for you? Well, here's your chance to flaunt your grammatical prowess.

On Friday, **March 9** at 6:00 pm at the ORRHS Auditorium, the Mattapoisett PTA is holding its First Annual Community Spelling Bee. The PTA is signing up 25 teams of three (*with one back up teammate) to compete for the status of "Town's Best Spellers". Teams are primarily adults, however there can be a mixture of adults and kids on a team.

For a contribution of \$50, you and two* other fabulous spellers will have the chance to show us what you know! Prizes will be awarded. Deadline for entering is Friday, **February 24**. For additional information visit www.mattapoisettPTA.org or contact: Kris Higgins at khiggins43@verizon.net or Amy Wiggin at amywiggin@comcast.net.

The event will be emceed by Michael Rock from Fun 107 with music by DJ Mike Bowman. The

Word Announcer will be Kevin Tavares, OHS 4th Grade Teacher and judges include Rose Bowman, Center School Principal; Matt D'Andrea, OHS Principal; Sue Powers; OHS Secretary. Teams will be listed on the www.mattapoisettPTA.org website. In addition to spelling words correctly, there will be live auctions, raffles and a concession stand. General Admission: \$2 per person. Don't miss out on this night of fun for the whole family.

EnergyWise

By the Marion Energy Management Committee

Are You Flushed with Good Intentions?

In a recent issue of a local newspaper, a Letter to the Editor appeared titled, "Flushed with good intentions." The author exuberantly described his recent purchase of a new toilet that not only performed better than its ancestor but also used a fraction of the water. He extended this happy revelation to the bigger picture of reducing one's environmental footprint in ways that require no pain, sacrifice, nor change in lifestyle, a success story clearly demonstrated by this breakthrough in high-toilet-tech. Can human ingenuity and innovation reverse our present path of environmental degradation while preserving our lifestyle-as-we-know-it? If not, he submitted, change ain't gonna happen.

This last statement landed in my head with a thud. Even people like this author, who understand and accept that society's increasing consumption of natural resources is responsible for large-scale environmental change, are only willing to be a part of the solution if it requires no sacrifice. This will be possible to an extent, as new gizmos come to market every day that do a job with less. For example, when it comes time to replace a major appliance, purchasers can (and should) select products with "Energy Star" certification. New car buyers can choose from a variety of hybrid vehicles, which capture and recycle the energy-of-motion to improve mileage. Lighting with compact fluorescent or, better yet, LED bulbs are other simple and pain-free ways to reduce energy usage, as are driving with a lighter foot and reducing one's heat/AC demand while away from home. There are many ways to maintain lifestyle while using less, but there will come a point when new technology won't go far enough. To reduce atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide, for example, requires an 80 percent reduction in emissions. Yes, you read that right -- 80 percent! Most likely the global "we" will not be able to hit this target, but any progress in the right direction will slow the inevitable change. Some of that progress will not come without sacrifice.

If we can all start making smart choices now when opportunities arise, the upcoming changes to our lifestyle will be lessened. The most important painless choice each of us can make is to vote for leaders who understand and recognize the unsustainability of our present trajectory, who cleverly harness the power of government to encourage technological developments



that help us minimize change while reducing environmental damage, and who are able and willing to make tough decisions that steer us toward a sustainable path. This shift must begin, however, with more of us being flushed with good intentions.

ORR to Present "The Boy Friend"

ORR Drama Club to put on Sandy Wilson's spoof of the 1920's musical comedy *The Boy Friend*. This rollicking romantic comedy is set in the French Riviera. Polly, an English heiress attending Mme. Dubonnet's Finishing School, falls in love with Tony, a delivery boy. Recalling her father's warning to beware fortune seekers, she poses as a working girl, unaware Tony is in fact the missing son of the wealthy Lord Brockhurst. Things get complicated with the unexpected arrival of Polly's parents as well as Lord and Lady Brockhurst – but not to worry, a happy ending is in store for all!

The show's memorable characters include the flirtatious Mme. Dubonnet, her boy-crazy students and Polly (the role which turned Julie Andrews into an overnight sensation). With its catchy tunes, period dances (including the inevitable Charleston) and winning sense of humor, *The Boy Friend* is a sparkling, tongue-in-cheek 1920's romp.

This hysterical, fun-filled comedy has a cast and crew of 117 and is sure to please everyone! The cast includes Sr. Katie Holden - Polly, Jr. Max Houck - Tony, Jr. Marissa Despres - Hortense, Sr. Shannon Frink - Mme. Dubonnet, So. Samuel Resendes - Mr. Brown, Fr. Ian McClellan - Lord Brockhurst, Sr. Tess Roiter - Lady Brockhurst, Sr. Michael Stellato - Bobby Van Hussen, So. Nicole Enos - Maisie, Sr. Mikayla Florio - Nancy, Sr. Megan Pierce - Dulcie, Sr. Rachel Vincent - Fey, Sr. Sam Hill - Alphonse, Jr. Alex Milde - Piere, Sr. Lucas Parker - Marcel. All are supported by an on-stage cast of 41 students, a back stage cast of fifty-seven students and five students in the pit-band. The production is directed by Paul Sardinha with musical direction by Michael Barnicle and costumed by Helen Blake. Performance dates are **March 22, 23, 24** at 7:30 pm and **25** at 2:00 pm.

The Boyfriend will be presented in the Guilbert D. Bristol Auditorium at the Old Rochester Regional High School. Ticket prices are \$12 for senior citizens and students with an ID and \$15 for adults. Tickets are available at The Marion General Store in Marion, The Pen and Pendulum in Mattapoisett and Plumb Corner Market in Rochester and in the ORRHS during school hours. ORRHS is located on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. For more ticket information contact Lisa at 508-763-8571.

Sippican Lands Trust Cleanups

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Anne Robertson and son Nate, Earl Briggs and his daughter Jennifer Francis, Nick Grace, Alan Harris and son Sam, Kitsy and John Howard, Marty Howell, Peter Converse, Sam Saltonstall, Bill and Tinker Saltonstall, and Tim Crowley spent two hours gathering trash, tires, car parts, and even leftover equipment from the old wireless towers that once stood on the property.

The most unusual find was a large ceramic insulator from one of the 14 408-foot wireless towers that stood on the property from 1914 to 1960. The black insulator weighs about 25 lbs., and is one of dozens that must still be scattered across the wooded 163-acre site.

The next cleanup will be on Saturday, **February 25**, when members and friends of the Sippican Lands Trust will do trail maintenance work at Kenny's Landing, located at the end of Ichabod Lane in North Marion.

According to Bill Saltonstall, Head Steward for the Lands Trust, "We will be adding SLT signs to the parcel, do trail clearing as needed, wrestling with one big branch that has fallen into the shallow water between the launching area and the Sippican River, and cleaning up brush and storm-damaged trees near the road."

Saltonstall said people will be meeting at 9:30 am for coffee at Uncle Jon's and then drive over to Kenney's Landing. All are welcome to help. He asks that people sign up well ahead of time by calling the Sippican Lands Trust office at 508-748-3080. Gloves, clippers, and

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- ☐ Bérénice Bejo in "The Artist"
- ☐ Jessica Chastain in "The Help"
- ☐ Melissa McCarthy in "Bridesmaids"
- ☐ Janet McTeer in "Albert Nobbs"
- ☐ Octavia Spencer in "The Help"

BEST ACTRESS

- ☐ Glenn Close in "Albert Nobbs"
- ☐ Viola Davis in "The Help"
- ☐ Rooney Mara in "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo"
- ☐ Meryl Streep in "The Iron Lady"
- ☐ Michelle Williams in "My Week With Marilyn"

BEST DIRECTOR

- ☐ "The Artist" - Michel Hazanavicius
- ☐ "The Descendants" - Alexander Payne
- ☐ "Hugo" - Martin Scorsese
- ☐ "Midnight in Paris" - Woody Allen
- ☐ "The Tree of Life" - Terrence Malick

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- ☐ Kenneth Branagh in "My Week With Marilyn"
- ☐ Jonah Hill in "Moneyball"
- ☐ Nick Nolte in "Warrior"
- ☐ Christopher Plummer in "Beginners"
- ☐ Max von Sydow in "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close"

BEST ACTOR

- ☐ Demián Bichir in "A Better Life"
- ☐ George Clooney in "The Descendants"
- ☐ Jean Dujardin in "The Artist"
- ☐ Gary Oldman in "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy"
- ☐ Brad Pitt in "Moneyball"

BEST PICTURE

- ☐ "The Artist" - Thomas Langmann, Producer
- ☐ "The Descendants" - Jim Burke, Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor, Producers
- ☐ "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close" - Scott Rudin, Producer
- ☐ "The Help" - Brunson Green, Chris Columbus and Michael Barnathan, Producers
- ☐ "Hugo" - Graham King and Martin Scorsese, Producers
- ☐ "Midnight in Paris" - Letty Aronson and Stephen Tenenbaum, Producers
- ☐ "Moneyball" - Michael De Luca, Rachael Horovitz and Brad Pitt, Producers
- ☐ "The Tree of Life" - Nominees to be determined
- ☐ "War Horse" - Steven Spielberg and Kathleen Kennedy, Producers

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SouthCoast Children's Chorus Informance

The SouthCoast Children's Chorus announces its February informance on **February 12** at 4:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church at 124 Front St. in Marion. The "informance" is an informal performance in which the chorus demonstrates aspects of their rehearsal process - from beginning to learn a song, through the polishing phase, and on to complete performance. The Chorus will sing songs from their repertoire, demonstrate rehearsal techniques, entertain questions from the audience, and encourage the audience to join them in a song or two! The SouthCoast Children's Chorus is a 35-voice auditioned regional chorus with singers from Marion, Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, Dartmouth, New Bedford and Westport, and is directed by Leslie Piper and accompanied by Joyce Jacobsen. Admission is free, but a suggested donation of \$5 per person (\$10 maximum per family) will be accepted at the door.

Marion Census

If you have not yet returned, or telephoned in, your 2012 Annual Street Listing (Census) please do so immediately to the Marion Town Clerk, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. Home visits will be made to all residents failing to respond. Should you have any questions please contact the Town Clerk's office 508-748-

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Academic Achievements:

Nicole L. Noonan, of Marion, has earned Dean's List status for the 2011 fall semester at the University of Connecticut.

Lindsay Days, of Mattapoisett, has earned Dean's List status for the 2011 fall semester at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Obituaries:



Antone Rapoza, 86, of Mattapoisett died February 1, 2012 at St. Luke's Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Fall River, the son of the late Mariano and Francesca (Borges) Rapoza, he lived in Mattapoisett most of his life.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett.

Mr. Rapoza was formerly employed as an accountant at Burr Brothers and Kerry Pontiac before retiring from the Old Rochester Regional School System.

He was a member of the Machacum Club and the Florence Eastman American Legion Post. He was an avid walker, reader, writer and above all a devoted family man.

Mr. Rapoza served in the U.S. Navy as a gunners mate 3rd class during World War II. He served aboard the U.S.S. Raven mine sweeper and was proud to have participated in the Normandy Invasion by clearing the English Channel. Mr. Rapoza was the recipient of the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Campaign ribbon with 2 stars, the American Theater medal and the World War II Victory medal.

Survivors include 2 sisters, Hilda Days and Helen Couto, both of Mattapoisett; special friends, Gene and Terry Sarmiento of New Bedford; and 26 nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Manuel Rapoza, John Rapoza, Mariano Rapoza, Olivia Martin, Georgiana Nobre and Mary Gomes.

His visiting hours will be held on Saturday from 3 - 7 PM with his Funeral Service at 6 PM

in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the American Heart Association 20 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01701. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Theresa Shirley (Vaillancourt) O'Dea, 81, of Mattapoisett died February 7, 2012 at Sippican Healthcare Center. She was the wife of the late Martin E. O'Dea.

Born in Lowell, the daughter of the late Eugene J. and Sarah (McClellan) Vaillancourt, she lived in Lowell before moving to Wareham in 1991 and then to Mattapoisett in 2004.

Mrs. O'Dea was formerly employed as a nurses aide.

She enjoyed the company of her dog Budda and cat Lucky, enjoyed playing Bingo and loved her computer.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews including Diane Knight and her husband Peter of Mattapoisett, and their children Robert Knight and his wife Kristen of Billerica, Cheryl Knight of New Bedford and Michael Knight of Fairhaven; and a great-grandnephew, Liam Robert Philips.

She was the sister of the late Josephine Proulx, Rose McGadden, Jeanette Carr and Vivian Dureault.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday at 10 AM in St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in North Tewksbury. Visiting hours Thursday 4-7 PM in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Milestone section, please contact our office at : 508 758-9055, by fax at 508-758-4845, or by email at office@wanderer.com. Included in the Milestone Section is Birth Announcements, Obituaries, Engagement Notices, Wedding Notices, Anniversaries and Memorials.

RHS Takes a Trip Back in Time

The February meeting of the Rochester Historical Society will be on Wednesday, **February 15** at 7:00 pm at the East Rochester Church/Museum, 355 County Road, Rochester. **Frances Florindo** will present "A Trip Back in Rochester History" through the pages of an old Jenkins family scrapbook. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

It is with great pleasure the Heritage Days Committee extends a big thank you to the community and to the people who stepped forth to insure the event will continue.

The next meeting will be **February 21** at 6:30 pm in the library meeting room, anyone who was unable to attend January's meeting but wants to help is cordially invited to join us. As always feel free to contact theseamstress@verizon.net with questions, suggestions or concerns.

Boating Skills and Seamanship Course

A Boating Skills and Seamanship Course will be offered by the Onset/Marion Flotilla 63 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Classes will be held on Thursday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Lockheed Martin (Sippican) Training Room at 7 Barnabus Rd., Marion, MA 02738.

Registration and classes will begin on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. This course is directed to the first time boater and as a review for the more experienced boater. For more information contact Warren Washburn after 6:00 p.m. at (508)789-3680.

Pierce Randall Recognized

Wrestler and team captain Pierce Randall, grandson of past selectman George P. Randall and son of Cheryl Randall of Mattapoisett finished third at the Division III South Sectionals held in Pembroke on **February 4**. This win earned Pierce the opportunity to compete at the Division III State Tournament in Pittsfield on February 10 and 11. Pierce is currently a senior at

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EDITOR'S PICK OF THE WEEK

Senior Fitness Group Tours Mattapoissett

A local group is proving that commitment to fitness does not stop at any age.

About 20 members of the Bay Area Senior Cyclists club took to the town last Wednesday, walking three

miles around Mattapoissett village and making a detour to the Mattapoissett Historical Society.

The group, which has over 50 members including several from Marion, Mattapoissett and Rochester, is a bicycling and walking club for seniors sponsored by the Bourne Council on Aging.

Marion resident Joyce Kohout has been a club member for several years and organizes an overnight bicycling trip to western Massachusetts to bike the rail trails around the Amherst and Northampton area.

"The club, for some, is one of the mainstays of their lives, especially for those who live alone... They have many outings and you can make it what you want... It's a great thing for senior citizens," said Ms. Kohout, who can often be seen riding her bicycle back and forth to Sivershell Beach in Marion.

"My Dad is 83 and doesn't act it or look it," said Diane Kinney, of Mattapoissett, of her father, Ray Lemieux. "He has been in the club for over ten years and loves to bike, walk and socialize with the other members."

Mr. Lemieux is a Mattapoissett fixture and is often seen riding his red bicycle on Route 6 and up and down Mattapoissett side streets and up to Ned's Point.



Jaon Hartnett-Barry

The club has been in existence for over ten years and bikes from April to November and walks during the winter months.

Bike rides are usually 10 to 18 miles and the walks are from two to five miles. The club offers at least one bike ride per year in Marion, Mattapoissett and Rochester. Club members are asked to bring along a lunch to eat outdoors, usually at a park or beach, or told that lunch will be at a local restaurant.

Each member agrees to organize a bike ride or walk and includes details of the meeting place and event in a roster provided to members.

The group is entirely volunteer and members fill roles to publish and mail the schedules, update the roster, take attendance, run scheduling meetings, set safety rules, organize social outings and assign a 'greeter' to welcome new visitors and members.

"I love the club," said Mattapoissett resident Jean Szyndler. "It's a special group of people who enjoy fresh air, birds and being out in a healthy environment walking and enjoying each others' company."

At the Mattapoissett Historical Museum, Ms. Szyndler and others marveled at the antique kitchen set up in the carriage house.

"It must have been so hard to cook, do laundry, churn butter and take care of little ones back then...we can go home and be grateful for our modern conveniences which we take for granted," she said.

After the walk, the group ate lunch at a local restaurant. For more information on the Bay Area Senior Cyclists, contact Buzz Richards at 508-563-9003. The club meets every Wednesday at 10:00 am at a location listed on their schedule.



Bristol County Agricultural High School, in the fall he will be attending the State University of New York at Cobleskill majoring in Agricultural Engineering Power and Machinery.

Sippican School Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be five years of age by August 31, 2012, and reside in Marion are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten. Kindergarten Registration will be held at Sippican School on Wednesday, **March 22** from 9:30 to 10:30 am and from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

During these times, registration forms will be processed, and new parents will have the opportunity to meet with our Principal and Nurse. A copy of each student's updated immunization record must be submitted at the time of registration. Records should include verification of lead screening, hepatitis B vaccination and other immunizations. An original birth certificate for each student must be presented to be photocopied. Proof of residency requirements must also be met. Three verifications of home address, (e.g. copy of lease or real estate tax bill, vehicle registration, driver's license, current electric, cable or gas bill).

Information and forms will be mailed by Friday, **February 17** to the parents of all prospective kindergarteners. Any parent not receiving this information should call Cathy Caramanica at Sippican School at 508-748-0100, ext. 316.

The Climate Crisis

On Thursday, **February 18** at 11:00 am in the Meeting Room of the Mattapoisett Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, the public is invited to join Mary Jane Sorrentino for a presentation on "The Climate Crisis" followed by an opportunity for questions. Discover the truth about the climate crisis and the meaningful steps we can take to bring about change. Ms. Sorrentino, trained by the Gore Climate Change Project, will be speaking about the causes of this global disaster, how it is affecting New England and particularly our coastal areas, and what responses our communities can embrace.

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She enjoys giving climate change presentations as a volunteer with The Climate Reality Project. Since 2007, Mary Jane has given more than 30 presentations to schools, libraries, businesses, and organizations in RI and MA.


Ms. Sorrentino recently completed her MS degree in Environmental Studies at Antioch University New England. She already holds a MA in Museum Studies (1980) from the George Washington University in Washington, DC, and a BA in Art History and American Studies (1975) from Fordham University in New York City. In March 2007 and January 2008, she participated in a training on climate change in the Northeast by the Union of Concerned Scientists in Boston.

Program sponsored by the Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee (MDTC). The MDTC Caucus will begin at 10 am and precede Ms. Sorrentino's Climate Change Presentation at 11 am.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Starting on **March 2**, the Mattapoisett COA will begin line-dancing classes with instructor Nancy Cabral on Fridays from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. Beginners welcome. \$2 suggested donation. 17 Barstow Street, Center School,

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MOVIE REVIEW

Super Heros

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

Chronicle. Starring Dane DeHaan and Alex Russell. Directed by Josh Trask. Running time: 83 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13.

Found-footage movies are hot, and superhero movies are hot, so I imagine *Chronicle* — a found-footage superhero movie — being an easy pitch to the studio. The surprise is how serious and emotionally true the film turns out to be. *Chronicle* follows three high-school boys who stumble upon some sort of glowing object down a deep, dark hole; their proximity to it gives them telekinetic powers. The events are videotaped by Andrew (Dane DeHaan), a mooney kid with a miserable home life. Andrew's cousin Matt (Alex Russell) and the popular kid Steve (Michael B. Jordan) at first have fun with their newfound abilities, making things — and eventually themselves — float around. But things get dark fast. This amazing power has been delivered into the hands of three basically good kids, which is fortunate for us all, but Andrew is beginning to crack.

Spurred on by rage, grief and panic, Andrew begins to do dumb, destructive things. Many in the audience may question why he doesn't do this or that. In response I can only quote a nifty line from Stephen Hunter's novel *Dirty White Boys*, describing a scared guy who freezes at a bad moment: "His mind was full of spiders and firecrackers." Andrew is dealing with an alcoholic dad — a firefighter on disability — and a dying mom, whose much-needed pain meds his dad can't begin to afford. This is stark stuff for a teenage superhero movie. It explains Andrew's gradual transformation into a supervillain, and the good-hearted Matt and Steve, who have less complicated lives, try and fail to pull him back from his worst instincts. Why should Andrew try to do good — or try not to do evil — in this world? All it's ever given him is pain.

Chronicle was made for \$15 million by two 26-year-old newcomers — director Josh Trask and screen-



writer Max Landis (son of "Master of Horror" John Landis), who concocted the story together. It's a fine calling card, with echoes of *Akira* as well as standard superhero-origin tales. Set in Seattle (but filmed primarily in Vancouver), the film looks glum and realistic — workable and believable soil out of which the fantastic can flower. The young actors swing from exuberance to fear with ease. After a while, Andrew's camera is held aloft telekinetically so that we can see more; I wasn't always convinced that the camera would be catching certain events so clearly, but by the climax, where the action becomes both exhilarating and terrifying, I didn't much care.

The finale, indeed, makes a lot of what we've seen in much more expensive superhero films look stupid. Again, it's all grounded in identifiable and intense emotions, with untold collateral damage that reminded me of the horrific destruction in an infamous issue of Alan Moore's *Miracleman* comic. (If you're familiar with it, you know what I mean; if not, don't worry about it.) It's the first movie since maybe *Superman II* that made me feel how frightening it might be to get caught between two gods in battle. Andrew, stooped over and burned and wearing a hospital gown, looks like an evil mutant, while Matt is Superman in jeans. The very end is a little facile, and points too eagerly toward a sequel, but that doesn't seriously lessen the impact of a film that may well give this summer's *The Avengers* — whose trailer before this movie already looks so been-there-done-that — a run for its (big) money.

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- Trips / luncheons: **February 16**, Daniel Webster inn; February 21, whole foods, Prov.; February 23, RI flower show
- Speaker and lunch: noon, **February 14**, "a legal check-up" with att. Jane Sullivan (\$3); **March 20**, "balance and strength testing and info." (\$3)
- Art exhibit and sale: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. **March 24**. All ages welcome.
- Tax assistance-free: Wednesdays and Fridays, **February 8 – April 13**, by appointment. Only for •Mattapoisett Residents 60+
- Vascular screening: 8:00 am – 12 noon, Tuesday, **February 28**, 15-minute sessions by appointment.
- Movie and popcorn: 1:00 pm. Tuesday, **February 28**. Classic movie TBD (call to register)
- Cardio and strength: 2:00 pm. Mondays, 10:00 am. Wednesdays (\$4)
- Stretch and balance: 12:00 noon, Mondays, Wednesdays
- Qigong: 10:00 am. Mondays, Fridays
- Knitting: 10:00 am. Mondays
- Scrabble: 1:00 pm. Mondays
- Yoga: 8:45 am. Tuesdays, Fridays
- Watercolor: 1:00 pm. Tuesdays
- Bingo: 1:00 pm. Wednesdays
- Mahjong: 1:00 pm. Wednesdays
- Bridge: 9:00 am. Thursdays
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- Fairhaven loop (van service): 12:30 pm. Mondays – any stop from Route 6 to the bridge and Alden rd. To Bridge St.
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Marion COA

Of interest to seniors in Marion, the following trips are scheduled for February:

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 - February 23**: Rhode Island Flower Show
 - February 28**: Trader Joe's in Hyannis
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- February 27**: Podiatry Clinic. Appointments are needed.
 - Tax Assistance on Wednesday afternoons until April 11th.
 - March 7**: Flower Arranging at 1:00 pm at the Marion Police Station Conference Room. Participants must register ahead of time.
 - February 15**: at 4:00 pm at the Marion Police Station

seminar on Social Security Retirement benefits and Medicare. Preregistration not needed.

Kate Ross to Speak at Sippican Woman's Club

Kate Ross, Executive Director of the New Bedford Art Museum and Marion resident, will be speaking to the Sippican Woman's Club on Friday, **February 10**. Ms. Ross will cover the history of the NBAM and current efforts to build the museum into a first class regional art museum.

Ms. Ross brings to the New Bedford Art Museum a variety of work experience that includes business development, marketing, fundraising, community outreach and social media.

It is this background that lends to the mission of the New Bedford Art Museum to engage the public in experiencing, understanding and appreciating art. The programs are dynamic, interactive and educational.

The program is preceded by a finger luncheon at 12:30 pm at Handy's Tavern. New members are welcome. For more information, our website is www.sippicanwomansclub.org

The Elizabeth Islands - Chapter III

Bartholomew Gosnold, sailing for the Queen of England in 1602, named the string of islands separating Buzzards Bay from Vineyard Sound for his Queen. Seth Mendell in his previous lectures traced in detail the colorful history of Cuttyhunk and Naushon Islands.

On Sunday, **February 12**, Seth will talk about the remaining three islands of the Elizabeth chain. His comments will include the fishing camp on the island of Pasque, the proposed state penitentiary on Nashawena and the leper colony on Penikese. The lecture will be held in the meeting room of the Mattapoisett Library at 2:00 pm.

Rochester Country Fair Fundraiser

The Rochester Country Fair is celebrating Saint Patrick's Day early this year with a Dinner Dance Fundraiser on Saturday, **March 3**. Guests are encouraged to don their green apparel for this fun-spirited event. Those who do wear green will receive a door prize



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Below & Right: The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra held a "Symphony Tales" program at the Plumb Library on Saturday, February 4. The children attending were introduced to the cello and a cellist played background music during a reading of "Scratch Scratch: A Perfect Match" by local author Kim Marcus. Photo by Felix Perez



Above: The Mattapoisett Town Hall employees showed their team spirit on Friday donning Patriot's gear. Photo courtesy of Kathleen Costello



The ORR winter track team faced Seekonk in their final co-ed meet of the season on Wednesday, February 1st. Not only did the ORR Bulldogs win the meet, but they also made ORR history as both the boy's and girl's team walked away undefeated. Photo by Dorothy Bell

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Donations of raffle items are needed and will help support this year's Rochester Country Fair, which will take place at its new Fair Grounds on Pine Street. Visit our website www.rochesterma.com or contact Julie at jkoczera1@verizon.net for additional event information or support.

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Suellen Aiken and Richard Walker of Mattapoisett took a cruise around the eastern Caribbean on the RCCL Oasis of the Seas in October 2011. Photo courtesy of Suellen Aiken.



Louise Rogers in Copenhagen Denmark with Trollbeads CEO's Lise and Peter Aagaard with me and Trollbeads U.S. representatives.



Peter B. Perkins in front of the "Folkehogskule" in Voss, Norway where he is spending the 2011-2012 school year.



L. to R. Joe Murray, President of Mattapoisett Lions Club and Amy (Rose) Herrmann, formerly of Mattapoisett, now of Manchester Center, VT at the Maple Leaf Half Marathon and 5K Race in Manchester, VT on September 10, 2011 where Joe completed the 5K while Amy did likewise in the fun 13.1 K Half Marathon. The Manchester, VT Lions Club, Inc. is a major sponsor of this annual event.



Mattapoisett resident Lee Yeaton poses with *The Wanderer* at the Rosetta Stone during an August 2011 trip to the British Museum. Photo by former Marion resident and Ms. Yeaton's daughter, Kim Wheeler.

You can share your travel photos with our readers too. All you have to do is take along a copy of **The Wanderer** (or your favorite aardvark) and submit your photos by email to: support@wanderer.com or by mail to P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You can also drop photos off at our office at 55 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett.

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Mattapoisett Tax Rate Relief

After a period of inactivity, the Town of Mattapoisett Tax Rate Relief Committee is once again hard at work. The members of the group have been busy working on a new application and guidelines. Tax help will be provided thanks to donations solicited through the most recent water/sewer and property tax bills. Starting on **February 3**, tax relief applications will be available at the Council on Aging located at Center School. This program essentially helps seniors and those with certain disabilities pay their tax bill. \$500 grants are given to those in need on an annual basis. Applications will be due on **April 1** and recipients will need to re-apply each year. Proof of income and assets are required. If necessary, help with the forms will be available.

Mattapoisett COA Events

Take Care of Your Loved Ones: A Legal Check-Up – Elder Law Attorney Jane E. Sullivan, Esq. will discuss topics including: essential estate planning documents, trusts, Federal and State tax vs. gift taxes, homesteads and much more. The talk will be held on Tuesday, **February 14** at noon at Mattapoisett Council On Aging, 17 Barstow St. (at Center School). Cost is \$3 (including a full meal). Seating is limited. Call to reserve your seat at 508-758-4110.

Broadway Contemporary – Mattapoisett Council on Aging will present *Broadway Contemporary*, featuring the singing nurse Pam Tiestze. The live performance is



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scheduled for Thursday, **February 16** from 1:00 to 2:00 pm at Mattapoisett Council on Aging, 17 Bartsow St. Cost is \$1. Light refreshments will be available. Register by February 15. For more information call 508-758-4110

Tri-Town Live TV Variety Show

Old Rochester Community Television and The Showstoppers singing group are once again teaming up to bring the **FOURTH Annual Tri Town LIVE TV Variety Show** filled with talented local entertainers. The Variety Show will be **LIVE** on ORCTV's public access channel Sunday, **February 12** from 4:00 to 8:00 pm (Comcast Channel 9, Verizon Channel 36).

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MARION

Log highlights January 31-February 6

- Stoney Run Ln – Medical Emergency
- Converse Rd – Health/Welfare
- Pumping Station Rd – Suspicious Activity
- Front St – Animal Complaint
- Dexter Rd – Family Disturbance
- Point Rd – Vehicle Accident/Hit & Run
- Front St – Vehicle Accident
- Wareham Rd – Animal Complaint
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Animal Complaint
- Mill St – Medical Emergency
- Wareham Rd – Vehicle Complaint
- Wareham Rd – Vehicle Accident
- South St – Fraud
- Front St – Suspicious Activity
- Wareham Rd – Arrest
- Mill St – Medical Emergency
- Front St – Medical Emergency
- Converse Rd – Medical Emergency
- Pumping Station Rd – Medical Emergency
- Wareham Rd – Medical Emergency
- Front St – Vehicle Accident/Injury
- Job's Cover Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- Parlowtown Rd – Family Disturbance
- Holmes St – General Service
- Point Rd – Medical Emergency
- Spring St – Lost Property
- Main St – Medical Emergency
- Front St – Vehicle Accident/Injury
- Converse Rd – Family Offense

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights January 31-February 6

- Barstow St – Intoxicated Party
- Long Plain Rd – Vehicle Crash
- Channel St – Larceny
- North St – Suspicious Vehicle
- Ned's Point Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- Marion Rd – Traffic Control
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious Other
- Long Plain Rd – Animal Control
- Water St – Assist Citizen
- Main St – Health/Welfare
- North St – Safety/Road Hazard
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious Persons
- Beech Wood Rd – Health/Welfare
- County Rd – Peace Officer
- County Rd – Larceny
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Harassing Calls
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- Mechanic St – 911 Call
- Channel St – Threats
- Channel St – Disturbance
- Aucoot Rd – Larceny
- Angelica Ave – Disturbance
- Marion Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- County Rd – Assist Citizen
- Fairhaven Rd – Summons Service
- Cedar St – Vandalism
- Holly Woods Rd – Safety/Road Hazard
- County Rd – 911 Call
- Crystal Spring Rd – Animal Control

ROCHESTER

Log highlights January 31-February 6

- Benson Rd – Area Check
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal Control
- Neck Rd – Ambulance Request
- Rounseville Rd – Investigation
- Cranberry Hwy – Incapacitated Person
- Briarwood Ln – Officer Wanted
- High St – Disturbance
- Hartley Rd – Investigation
- Dexter Ln – Officer Wanted
- Walnut Plain Rd – Vehicle Accident
- Cushman Rd – Larceny
- North Ave – General Services
- County Rd – Ambulance Request
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious Vehicle
- High St – Suspicious Person
- High St – General Services
- Mendell Rd – Ambulance Request
- Stuart Rd – Officer Wanted
- Burgess Ave – Animal Control
- New Bedford Rd – Annoying Calls
- Negus Way – Area Check
- Mendell Rd – Annoying Calls
- Cranberry Hwy – Larceny
- Walnut Plain Rd – Juvenile Offenses
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious Person
- Mattapoisett Rd – Vehicle Accident
- Alley Rd – Restraining Order Service
- Mendell Rd – Officer Wanted
- Mary's Pond Rd – Suspicious Activity

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, **February 13:** Whole grain cheese, ravioli w/ tomato, vegetable sauce, winter blend vegetables, sliced bread, peaches.
 Tuesday, **February 14:** Grilled chicken fillet w/ Marsala sauce, rice medley, beets, whole wheat bread, jello cake, diet: cookie.
 Wednesday, **February 15:** Meatloaf w/ gravy, whipped potato, country blend vegetables, fruit muffin, arctic ice, diet: fruited jello.
 Thursday, **February 16:** Turkey Divan, hashbrowns, broccoli, multi-grain roll, chilled fruit.
 Friday, **February 17:** American chop suey, wax & green beans, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit.

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY CENTER

Monday, **February 13:** Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, roasted potato wedges, fruit, milk.
 Tuesday, **February 14:** Homemade mac & cheese, broccoli salad, soft pretzel, fruit, milk.
 Wednesday, **February 15:** Stuffed crust

pizza, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
 Thursday, **February 16:** Crispy chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, steamed green beans, potato chips, fruit, milk.
 Friday, **February 17:** Oven baked chicken tenders w/ assorted dipping sauces, corn on the cob, fruit, milk.
OLD HAMMONDTOWN
 Monday, **February 13:** Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, roasted potato wedges, fruit, milk.
 Tuesday, **February 14:** Homemade mac & cheese, broccoli salad, soft pretzel, fruit, milk.
 Wednesday, **February 15:** Stuffed crust pizza, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
 Thursday, **February 16:** Crispy chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce and tomato, steamed green beans, potato chips, fruit, milk.
 Friday, **February 17:** Oven baked chicken tenders w/ assorted dipping sauces, corn on the cob, fruit, milk.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, **February 13:** Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, roasted potato wedges, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, **February 14:** Homemade mac & cheese, broccoli salad, soft pretzel, fresh fruit, milk.
 Wednesday, **February 15:** Beef, chicken or cheese quesadilla, carrot & celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk.
 Thursday, **February 16:** Crispy chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, steamed green beans, potato chips, fresh fruit, milk.
 Friday, **February 17:** Oven baked chicken tenders w/ assorted dipping sauces, corn on the cob, fresh fruit, milk.

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, **February 13:** Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, roasted potato wedges, fruit, milk.
 Tuesday, **February 14:** Homemade mac & cheese, broccoli salad, soft pretzel, fruit, milk.
 Wednesday, **February 15:** Stuffed crust pizza, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
 Thursday, **February 16:** Crispy chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, steamed green beans, potato chips, fruit, milk.
 Friday, **February 17:** Oven baked chicken tenders w/ assorted dipping sauces, corn on the cob, fruit, milk.

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Monday, **February 13:** Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, roasted potato wedges, fruit, milk.
 Tuesday, **February 14:** Homemade mac & cheese, broccoli salad, soft pretzel, fruit, milk.
 Wednesday, **February 15:** Stuffed crust pizza, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
 Thursday, **February 16:** Crispy chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, steamed green beans, potato chips, fruit, milk.
 Friday, **February 17:** Oven baked chicken tenders w/ assorted dipping sauces, corn on the cob, fruit, milk.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH

Monday, **February 13:** Hamburger, fries, lettuce, tomato, carrots & applesauce.
 Tuesday, **February 14:** Egg sandwich, hash browns, peaches.
 Wednesday, **February 15:** Macaroni & cheese, bread stick, green beans, mixed fruit.
 Thursday, **February 16:** Shepherd's pie, bread, pears.
 Friday, **February 17:** Pizza, salad, fruit.

Our first three years were very successful and this year promises to be filled with many various entertainers such as singers, dancers, musicians and more all from the local community. ORCTV's channels reach over 6,000 homes in the Tri Towns. Anyone from Marion, Mattapoisett or Rochester who has Comcast or Verizon channels will be able to watch this live event (Verizon reaches several surrounding towns as well).

ORCTV is offering businesses on-screen Sponsorship slots during the Variety Show for \$50. Sponsorship slots can include business name and logo and address, phone or web site. All donations and sponsorship slots are tax deductible as you are contributing to both nonprofit organizations (ORCTV & The Showstoppers). If you are interested please contact Kimberly Miot at ORCTV at 508-748-1600 or kim@orctv.org.

Marion Democratic Town Committee

A meeting of the Marion Democratic Town Committee shall convene for the purpose of electing four Delegates and three Alternates to the Massachusetts State Convention at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, Saturday, **June 2**. The caucus will be held at the Indian Cove Club House, 106 Indian Cove Road, Marion February 11 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Snow date Saturday, February 18 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

For more information contact Judi Havens at 508-826-1027 or Eileen Marum at 508-758-9751.

Rochester Democratic Caucus

Rochester Democrats will hold their Caucus to select 2012 convention delegates on Saturday, **February 18** at the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way. Registration starts at 9:00 am and the caucus will begin exactly at 10:00 am. Delegates must be registered as Democrats in the Town of Rochester by December 31, 2011.

Delegates to the 2012 Massachusetts Democratic Party nominating convention will select candidates to compete for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate. The convention will be held on Saturday, **June 2** at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield.



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The Rochester Democratic Caucus will elect three delegates and three alternates to attend the convention. If anyone has questions regarding the caucus or the town committee please contact Carol St. Don at 508-763-2795.

Mattapoisett Democratic Town Caucus

The Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee will be holding a Caucus on Saturday **February 18** at 10:00 am at the Mattapoisett Town Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett.

Cabaret Night at the MAC

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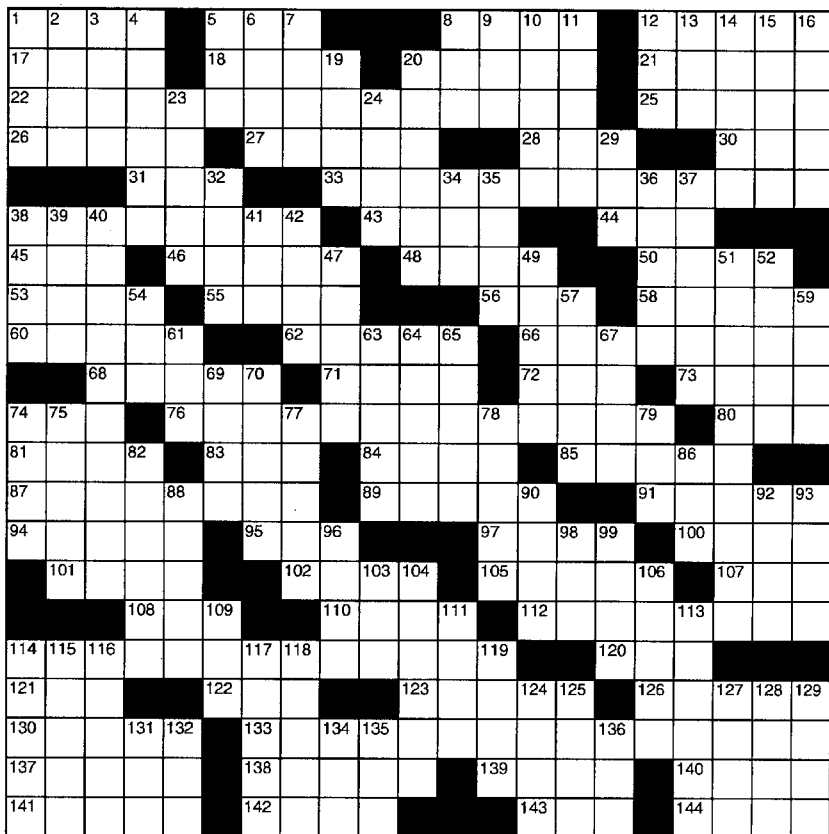
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of mixed signals can create an unreliable situation in which to make decisions. Best advice: Hold off on making any commitments until you're sure you know what's going on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An apparently friendly offer comes with some strings attached. Be careful not to get tied into something you don't really want. Thoroughly examine all your options before making a choice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) If you're not careful, distractions can interrupt your best efforts. Continue to focus on what you need to do. You'll soon have lots of time to enjoy the rewards of your dedication.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Knowledge replaces suspicion as you begin to learn more about that "act of betrayal." On a lighter note, someone close to you might be planning a pleasant surprise.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Control your sometimes-overactive jealousy gene before you find yourself saying or doing something that you could later regret. Best advice: Stop obsessing and move on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to loosen up and do something wonderful and exciting before your more reserved nature resurfaces. A message brings news of imminent change.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Cheer up. Things begin to improve significantly by mid-February. However, you might still need help to get through the rest of this sometimes-difficult period.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Something you learned last week takes on new meaning as you begin to relate it to another situation in your life. It's best to keep this matter to yourself for now.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your energy level is climbing, and so is your self-confidence. Good for you, because you'll need a good dollop of both to tackle an exciting challenge on the way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family issue might interrupt a career-linked project. Try to give the matter the attention it needs, but be careful not to jeopardize your workplace situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some self-doubt shows up this week, causing you to question your ability to handle a new challenge. But you know you can do it, and this is your chance to prove it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A personal matter requires you to be as clear and forthcoming as possible in order to avoid misunderstandings. A career move is eased with the emergence of new facts.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of reaching people that makes them feel good about themselves. You would be an excellent motivational speaker.

Cabaret Night of Love Songs with musical entertainment by The Occasion Singers on Saturday, **February 11** at 7:30 pm. This group is an elegant a cappella vocal group directed by **Cassandra Morgan** with singers **Christopher Saulnier, Rui Moniz, Eric Bosworth, Melanie Hannack, Denise Bastos, and Caroline Blais.**

They will perform some jazz and light pop classics such as "It Had to be You", "Embraceable You", "Fly Me To The Moon", "My Funny Valentine", and many other standards and some surprises.

For an extra romantic touch, audience members can say, "I Love You," with a Vocal Valentine. For an extra \$15, the Occasion Singers will dedicate one of their love songs to audience members during the show. For more information on how to reserve this unique Valentine gift, please contact the Marion Art Center (508-748-1266) or email marionartcenter@verizon.net as soon as possible so that all requests may be honored.

Tickets for the Cabaret are \$10 for MAC members and \$12.50 for general admission. Guests are invited to bring their own refreshments. Tables are available for reserved parties of four or more. Reservations are highly recommended: 508-748-1266. Marion Art Center is located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion, MA 02738.

LWV "Blue Book" Available Online

The popular Tri-Town telephone book, published by the League of Women Voters (LWV) and known as The Blue Book, can now be accessed online. The phone listings for residents of the three towns, and the community information pages for each town in the print edition are available on the LWV website at www.LWVmmr.org.

With a printed version of the Verizon phone book no longer readily available, this handy community resource has become even more valuable, and the League is pleased to be able to offer this new service to the residents of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester.

LWV asks residents and businesses to check their own listings, and if there are corrections or additions to be made, they should be submitted to the League of Women Voters of Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester (LWV-MMR) either by e-mail to: lwwphonebook@comcast.net or by

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9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM – First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – Physician Focus
11:30 AM – White House Chronicle
Noon – Register's Report
12:30 PM – Army Newswatch
1:00 PM – Community Nurse and Hospice Housecalls
1:30 PM – Navigating the Way For Seniors
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – **ORCTV and the Showstoppers 4th Annual Live Telethon**
9:30 PM – Dartmouth Community Medical School – Is Modern Society Killing Us?

Monday February 13, 2011

8:00 AM – Deutsche Welle – Arts.21
9:00 AM – Your Money Your Life
10:00 AM – Army Newswatch
10:30 AM – White House Chronicle
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Middy Movie
2:00 PM – Robbi Around Town
3:00 PM – Words of Peace
4:00 PM – Earth Focus
4:30 PM – Explore
5:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
5:30 PM – Around BCC
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – Your Daily Gumbo
9:00 PM – Deutsche Welle – European Journal
9:30 PM – Global 3000
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Tuesday February 14, 2011

8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM – Graceful Aging
9:30 AM – ORCTV's Non Profit Highlights

10:00 AM – Senior Scene
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Middy Movie
3:00 PM – Dartmouth Community Medical School – Is Modern Society Killing Us?
5:30 PM – Graceful Aging
6:30 PM – The Dr. Is In
7:00 PM – Senior Scene
7:30 PM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
8:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
9:00 PM – Robbi Around Town
10:00 PM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 PM – Physician Focus
11:00 PM – Free Minds TV
Midnight – Midnite Mausoleum

Wednesday February 15, 2011

8:00 AM – Cooking with Colby
9:00 AM – Gardening
10:00 AM – Cooking with Marie
10:30 AM – Living Healthy – with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Middy Movie
3:00 PM – Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM – The Register's Report
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
8:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
9:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – Paranormal Generation
Midnight – Midnight Movie
1:30 AM – Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday February 16, 2011

8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM – The Register's Report
10:00 AM – NASA 360
10:30 AM – Kids a Cookin'
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Middy Movie
3:30 PM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
6:00 PM – Robbi Around Town
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM – Just Coolin' - Jazz Hour

Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – Midnight Mausoleum

Friday February 17, 2011

8:00 AM – Cooking with Colby
8:30 AM – ORCTV Community Announcements
10:00 AM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 AM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Middy Movie
2:00 PM – Gardening
3:00 PM – Deutsche Welle – European Journal
3:30 PM – Global 3000
5:00 PM – Explore
5:30 PM – Earth Focus
6:30 PM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:00 PM – Free minds TV
8:00 PM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
8:30 PM – Around BCC
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – Paranormal Generation
Midnight – Friday Night at the Drive-In - Midnight Movies

Saturday February 18, 2011

7:00 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM – Peek-a-boo Turtle
9:30 AM – NASA 360
10:30 PM – Go Fish – With Danny Kenney
11:00 AM – Kids a Cookin'
11:30 AM – U-Mass Dartmouth Winter Sports
2:00 PM – Around BCC
2:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
3:00 PM – Paranormal Generation
4:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
5:00 PM – The City of New Bedford's Arts & Culture Show
5:30 PM – Gardening
6:30 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Just Coolin' - Jazz Hour
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – The Dungeon

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MARION GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 95

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Daily Schedule

8:00 AM – Marion School Committee
11:00 AM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM – Marion School Committee
6:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 95

Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

8:00 AM – Rochester School Committee
11:00 AM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
3:15 PM – Rochester School Committee
6:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 18

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Daily Schedule

8:30 AM – Mattapoisett School Committee - Education Matters
9:00 AM – 21st Century Learning - Charter Schools in Massachusetts
10:00 AM – RMS Holiday Concert - December 21, 2011

11:00 AM – ORRHS Bulldog TV Fall 2011 Show
11:35 AM – ORRHS Bulldog TV 2011 Holiday Show
Noon - ORRHS - Video Journalism Class Projects - Student 'How Too...' Videos
12:30 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
1:00 PM - ORRHS Boys Basketball
2:15 PM - Tom Bliss Presents - NEC Youth Jazz Orchestra at Boston's First Night
3:00 PM - 21st Century Learning - Charter Schools in Massachusetts
4:00 PM - Tom Bliss Presents - NEC Prep Jazz Combos
6:00 PM - RMS Holiday Concert - December 21, 2011
6:45 PM -Tom Bliss Presents - NEC Youth Jazz Orchestra at Boston's First Night
7:30 PM – ORRHS - Video Journalism Class Projects –'How Too...' Videos
8:00 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
8:30 PM - Mattapoisett School Committee - Education Matters
9:00 PM - ORRHS Boys Basketball
10:10 PM - Tom Bliss Presents - NEC Prep Jazz Combos

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completing the update form found on page 237 in the current 2011-12 Blue Book and mailing it to P. O. Box 812, Marion, MA 02738.

The next print edition of the Blue Book is scheduled for publication in the spring of 2013. In the meantime, go to www.LWVmmr.org for the current listings and additional valuable community information.

Gateway Babe Ruth Signups

Walk in signup's for Gateway Babe Ruth will be held **February 18 and 19** at the Olympia Sports store in Wareham from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and on **February 25 and 26** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Olympia Sports in Fairhaven. Any player living in Acushnet, Fairhaven, Rochester, Marion, Mattapoisett, or Wareham who will be 13, 14 or 15 years of age before May 1 are eligible. Olympia Sports will be giving coupons to players who signup. Gateway Babe Ruth is also accepting online registrations at www.leaguelineup.com/gatewaybaberuth

Marion Republican Town Committee

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, **February 7** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion. New members welcome.

Rochester Resident Permits

Transfer Station and Marion beach permits are available at the Selectmen's office. The permits have been combined for a fee of \$20. Your vehicle registration is required at time of purchase. Wings Cove permits must be obtained from the Town of Marion.

The Value and Future of Salt Marshes

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authored the classic book "Life and Death of the Salt Marsh". Following 35 years as a scientist, now scientist emeritus, at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, he now serves as a champion and consultant for marsh and coastal restoration.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club meetings are held in Reynard Hall, at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett. Guests are welcome. Please join us for light sandwiches, dessert, tea and coffee. The program will follow the luncheon.

Free Health Assessments


Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association, known in the community as Southcoast VNA will hold a free health assessment, screening and wellness education session for seniors.

This program is designed to help improve the health and well being of seniors, age 60 and older, who reside in the Greater New Bedford area and is funded in part through a grant from Coastline Elderly Services Inc. and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The clinic will be available in the Tri-Town on:

- Thursday, **February 16**, from 10:00 to 11:30 am at Rochester Council on Aging, 67 Dexter Lane in Rochester.

The program also provides individual, in-home assessments for those who cannot attend a community clinic and will also provide free immunization education and immunization clinics to improve the immunization

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<p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 4:45 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 28 Point Road, further identified as Map 1, Lot 27.</p> <p>The following variances are requested to Title 5 of the State Environmental Code and the Marion Sanitary Code:</p> <p>MSC Section IV; 4.60; Sewage System Flow Design Criteria: Leaching area designed per Title 5 = 220 gallons per day vs. the minimum MSC (3 bedroom) 400 gallon minimum requirement.</p> <p>Marion Board of Health John B. Howard, M.D., Chairman 02/02, 02/09</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, Inc. pertaining to the property located at West Avenue & Everest Road, further identified as Map 3, Lot 27.</p> <p>The following variances are requested to Title 5 of the State Environmental Code and the Marion Sanitary Code:</p> <p>310 CMR 15.211: Minimum Setback Distances</p> <p>Requesting a variance to install the Primary Leaching Area 5 ft. from the sideline of West Avenue and Everest Road rather than the minimum ten (10) foot requirement.</p> <p>310 CMR 15.211: Minimum Setback Distances</p> <p>Requesting a variance to install the Reserve Leaching Area 15 ft. from the cellar wall rather than the minimum twenty (20) foot requirement.</p> <p>Marion Board of Health John B. Howard, M.D., Chairman 02/02, 02/09</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1015</p> <p>The Rochester Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing will be held on the petition of Steven Alves, 281 Mattapoisett Road, Assessors plan 2 lot 14C, who is seeking a variance under Section VIII.B.1. from lot dimension requirements. The public hearing will be held February 23, 2012 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Conference Room, One Constitution Way,</p> <p>Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 02/09, 02/16</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1016</p> <p>The Rochester Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing will be held on the petition of Gregory Bednarczyk, 5 Gurney Place, Assessors plan 29A lot 18, who is seeking a variance under Section VIII.B.1. from setback requirements. The public hearing will be held February 23, 2012 7:45 P.M. in the Town Hall Conference Room, One Constitution Way,</p> <p>Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 02/09, 02/16</p>	<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE</p> <p>Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A, §5, notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, Massachusetts 02770 to consider an amendment to the Rochester Zoning By-Laws to read as follows:</p> <p>"1.14 Expiration</p> <p>A site plan review approval granted under this section shall lapse within two (2) years, not including such time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal from the grant thereof or any other permit or license issued in connection therewith, if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced, or in the case of a permit for construction, if construction was not sooner begun by such date. This time period may be extended for an additional one (1) year period at the discretion of the Planning Board, provided an application for said extension was filed prior to the expiration of the first two (2)-year term."</p> <p>Copies of the article are on file at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.</p> <p>Arnold Johnson, Chairman 02/09, 02/16</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE</p> <p>Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A, §5, notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, Massachusetts 02770 to consider an amendment to the Rochester Zoning By-Laws to read as follows:</p> <p>"E. Uses Permitted by Special Permit</p> <p>4. Display of a sign pertaining to the use of the premises with a total area of less more than fifty (50) square feet. The sign shall be limited to the identification of premises, their occupants or users, or the business conducted therein. Flashing or rotating lights shall not be permitted."</p> <p>Copies of the article are on file at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.</p> <p>Arnold Johnson, Chairman 02/09, 02/16</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE</p> <p>Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A, §5, notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, Massachusetts 02770 to consider an amendment to consider an amendment to §III "Definitions" and §VIII.C. "Agricultural-Residential District Permitted Uses" of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws to regulate home businesses.</p> <p>Copies of the article are on file at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.</p> <p>Arnold Johnson, Chairman 02/09, 02/16</p>	<p>Wanted to Rent Mattapoisett Waterfront / Beachfront 2+ bedrooms - no pets due to allergies looking for last week of July and/or 1st week of August please call 617-755-0981</p> <hr/> <p>Wash Your Heart with Happiness</p> <p>Give the gift of Jin Shin Jyutsu for Valentine's Day</p> <p>www.dereknottman.com 617.230.5752</p> <hr/> <p>Will Cut Your Grass Free Estimates Carlos 508-287-3429</p> <hr/> <p>WINTER RENTALS Marion-Bass Point, 3BR, super views \$1100 Mattapoisett-rare month to month waterfront, 2+BR, outstanding views \$800 Mattapoisett-1+BR, w/loft super views \$800 YEAR ROUND RENTALS Marion-2BR, charming home, new upgrades \$1000 Marion-newly painted town house, 1+BR, on 18 acres, elect incl \$1250 Marion-1+BR, very private \$850 Race Real Estate 508-536-1192 or 508-748-0479 www.racereonline</p> <hr/> <p>YOUR HOUSEKEEPER Residential, Cottage, and Office Cleaning Bonded and Insured 508-207-6362 or 508-994-2711</p> <hr/> <p>"YOURWAY" CLEANING SERVICE Dependable, Honest and Bonded Call Kim Howland 508-758-9242</p> <hr/> <p>off the mark by Mark Parisi</p>  <p>ON THE DATING SCENE WITH LITTLE DEBBIE</p>

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March 7 - Poison! - Do you know what types of chemicals lurk in your computer, your cell phone or in that paint can? Students will learn about some of the dangerous chemicals lurking within our homes and how

we can protect ourselves and the environment from them.

March 21 - Endangered wildlife – What do the Ringed boghunters, Box turtles and Plymouth gentian have in common? Naturalist and dedicated animal advocate Jennifer Carlino will introduce students to some rarer animal and plant species and discuss the difficulties they endure in order to survive in our area.

April 4 – Amphibians Arise! - Let's take a look at some of the animals that are waking up in those wooded pools around Marion. By handling live animals and plants students will get a close-up look at these important ecosystems.

April 11 - Lift Off! Students will be building and sending off rockets with UMass Dartmouth chemist and

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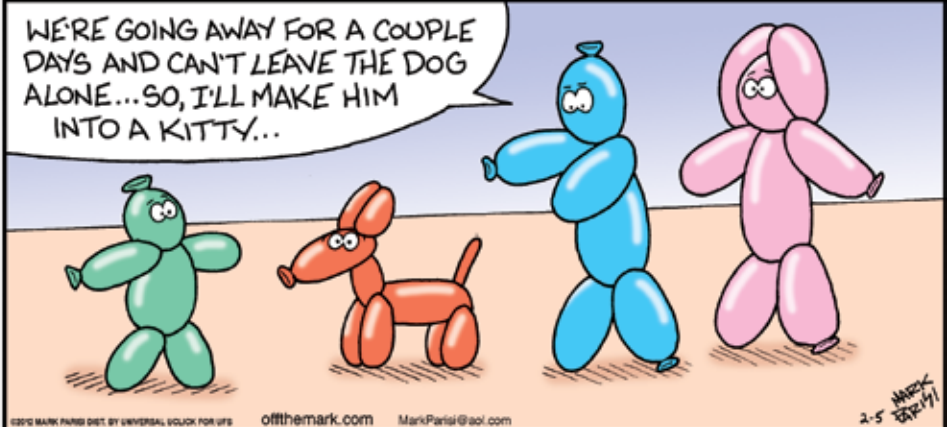
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May 16 – Boat trip within Sippican Harbor with the Marion Harbormaster's office. Hopefully students will see the nesting Ospreys, so bring binoculars if you have them. Students must bring their own life jackets. No jacket - no ride. Program is limited to 12 children, so please register early.

June 6 – Looking at watersheds. For our last afterschool program of the year students will be conducting hands-on experiments to illustrate the importance of our shared watershed. The class will be getting dirty, so please dress appropriately!

Cost for each program is \$4 for members and \$6 for nonmembers. Please register by going to www.MarionMuseum.org and sending registration form in with payment.

Marion Annual Election

The Town of Marion's Annual Town Election will be held on Friday, **May 25**. Nomination papers for elected positions are available at the Town Clerk's office, 2 Spring Street, Marion.

Available Positions include:

- **Selectman:** 1 position for 3 years
- **Assessor:** 1 position for 3 years
- **Moderator:** 1 position for 1 year
- **Board of Health:** 1 position for 3 years
- **Planning Board:** 2 positions for 3 years
- **Marion School Committee:** 2 positions for 3 years
- **Open Space Acquisition Commission:** 1 position for 3 years

Last day to obtain nomination papers is **March 30**. Papers must be returned to the Town Clerk's office for certification by **April 2** by 5:00 pm. Please call the Town Clerk's office if you have any questions at 508-748-3502.

Rochester Water Committee to Be Formed

On November 3, 2011, the Governor signed a bill allowing the Town of Rochester to establish a Water Commission. This will be a three-member board to be



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From the Rochester Town Clerk

• **Dog Licenses** – It is time to renew your dog license for 2012. Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office. Spayed and Neutered dogs are \$7. Un-spayed and Un-neutered dogs are \$10. You must have current rabies information to obtain a license. You may contact the clerk's office at 508-763-3866 to check rabies information on file prior to visiting the office for your license. Just a reminder, the Town Clerk's office is open on Monday

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Emma C. Mello	February 10
Rayna Caplan	February 11
Laura Eklund	February 12
Matthew Torres	February 12
Pauline M Romano	February 12
Trevor Oldham	February 12
Ty Evan MacKenzie	February 12
Elijah Richards-Auld	February 13
Zack Mourao	February 13
Jordan Collyer	February 14
Kaylan Setler	February 14
Paul Gagnon Jr.	February 14
Valentyna Bindas	February 14
Dimitri Wrightington	February 15
Jayda Dorothy Fortin	February 15

If you would like The Wanderer to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com/birthday. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.

PET PICK



This is Delilah. She is a 9 month old Calico. She was born April 8th, 2011. Her mother had 8 kittens including Delilah, but sadly, two of them passed away. She is very energetic and loves to play. We can never calm her down! We have 4 other cats that she loves to play with. We call her "Baby Kitty" because she is the baby of the house. We picked her out of the other 6 kittens that her mother had because she was the most lovable kitten ever! We absolutely adore her. -Nicolette Studley

Each week we will showcase pets from the TriTown and the stories behind them.

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• **Annual Town Election for 2012** – The Annual Town Election for the Town of Rochester will be held on April 11. Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's office. The last day to take out papers for positions on the 2012 ballot is Wednesday, **February 22**. Positions open are Selectman, three years, Moderator, three years, Assessor, three years, Board of Health, three years, Cemetery Commission, three years, Park Commission, three years, Library Trustee, two positions, three years, Tree Warden, three years, Rochester Memorial School Committee, two

positions, three years, Planning Board, one position, five years, one position, three years and one position for one year. Just a reminder, the Town Clerk's office is open on Monday evenings between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

Habitat Home and Garden Show

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) will host a Home and Garden Show at Tabor Academy on Saturday, **March 24** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. BBAHFH is currently seeking exhibitors for the event. The show offers opportunities for contractors, landscape designers, nurseries, banks, mortgage companies, and other homecare experts to promote products and services to the public. The exhibit booth charge is \$150 for a ten-

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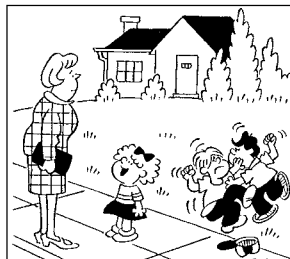
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The Home and Garden show will be held inside the Tabor Academy's Travis Roy Ice Rink, located at 266 Front Street in Marion, Massachusetts. Admission into the Home and Garden Show will be free to the public. The event is in support of the Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity affiliate. BBAHFH will distribute door prizes and will hold raffles throughout the show. The event will also include activities for children.

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) became an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International in December 1996, encompassing the towns of Acushnet, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Wareham, New Bedford and Dartmouth. Donations of money and materials, as well as volunteer labor, enable BBAHFH, a not-for-profit organization, to build homes for those in need. The completed homes are sold to qualified families at an affordable price under a no-profit, no-interest loan. The loan payments are used toward building additional Habitat houses. All land, material, and monetary donations to Habitat are tax-deductible. For more information, or to volunteer, visit www.BuzzardsBayHabitat.org, or call the office at 508-758-4517.

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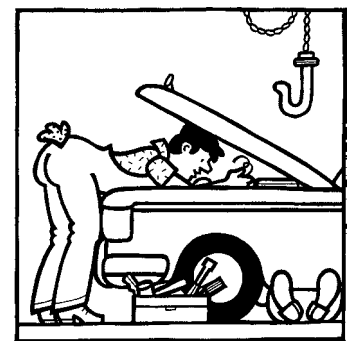
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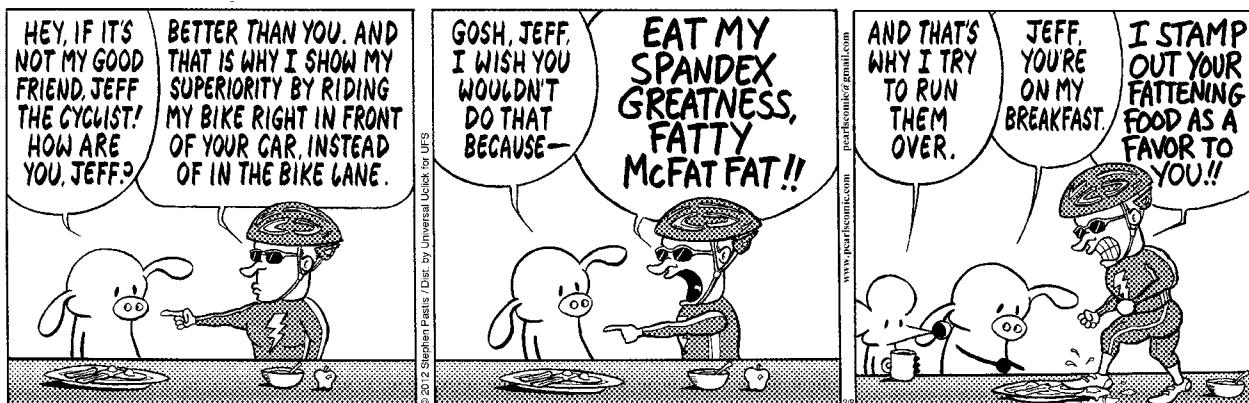
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Voter Registration – If you are not a registered voter in Mattapoiset and plan on voting in the Presidential Primary you may register during normal business hours. There will be a voter registration session on Wednesday, **February 15**. The office will be open until 8:00 pm for that purpose. This will be the last day to register to vote if you plan on voting in the Presidential Primary on March 6.

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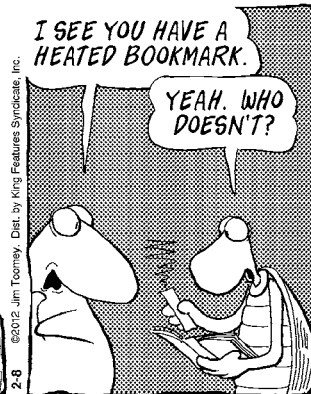
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- **Monday Dance Academy** – Monday Dance Academy includes classical dance instruction in ballet, tap, jazz and basic tumbling. Preschool (age 3 to 4) will meet from 4:30 to 5:00 pm and tuition is \$135/\$150; Kinderstep (age 5) will meet from 5:00 to 5:45 pm and tuition is \$150/\$165; Beginner (age 6 to 7) will meet from 5:45 to 6:30 pm and tuition is \$150/\$165. Classes start week of **February 6**. Teah Johnson is instructor.

- **Wednesday Dance Academy** – Wednesday Dance Academy includes Intermediate (age 8 - 12) 5:30 to 6:15, \$150/\$165; classical dance instruction in ballet, tap, jazz and basic tumbling as well as Hip Hop I (age 6 - 9) 4:30 – 5:00 \$135/\$150; Gymnastics (age 6 to 12) 5:00 to 5:30 \$135/\$150; Hip Hop II (age 6 to 12) 6:15 – 6:45 \$135/\$150. Dancers may add another class for an extra \$85. Classes start week of February 6. Teah Johnson is instructor.

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- **Piano Lessons** – Piano lessons for preschoolers are offered by appointment on Friday mornings. Jamie Wiksten, is the instructor. For more information, call 508-295-0379 or e-mail jwiksten@verizon.net. Private piano lessons for beginners and intermediates are offered by appointment with Nancy Sparklin, instructor – 508-763-2327.

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Maps of the trails for the Sippican Lands Trust properties may be picked up at the Lands Trust offices at 354 Front Street in Marion, or visit their website at: www.SippicanLandsTrust.org. For more information or to register for participation, please call the Marion Art Center: 508-748-1266, or email: marionartcenter@verizon.net.

50th Tri-County Symphonic Band Season

The 2011/2012 concert season, the Tri-County Symphonic Band's 50th, brings the organization back to its roots with all three former Music Directors returning to the stage. Great music, superb musicians and a wonderfully supportive audience is the right combination for this celebratory year. Please come and share in the "Tri-County experience" that has thrilled audiences for over 50 years.

- **March 18:** "German Gems" – Original compositions for band by former Music Director George Dietzler will be framed by transcriptions from the German masters. Violinist Jesse Holstein will be the featured soloist.

- **June 17:** "Three Generations of Disney" – The 10th Annual Benefit Pops Concert will be held at Tabor Academy, in a grand tent, and highlight the three generations of music from the world of Walt Disney. Ice cream, cupcakes and cappuccino will highlight this festive event.

For more detailed information, please visit: TriCountySymphonicBand.org.



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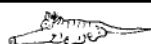
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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
February 9:	Thurs.	8:40	9:07	2:01	2:30
February 10:	Fri.	9:27	9:55	2:46	3:07
February 11:	Sat.	10:17	10:46	3:31	3:46
February 12:	Sun.	11:09	11:40	4:19	4:28
February 13:	Mon.	...	12:03	5:13	5:17
February 14:	Tues.	12:37	1:01	6:19	6:16
February 15:	Wed.	1:38	2:03	8:07	7:32
February 16:	Thurs.	2:44	3:10	9:39	9:02
February 17:	Fri.	3:52	4:17	10:39	10:16
February 18:	Sat.	4:56	5:18	11:27	11:13
February 19:	Sun.	5:52	6:11	...	12:07
February 20:	Mon.	6:41	6:58	12:01	12:40
February 21:	Tues.	7:25	7:41	12:43	1:09
February 22:	Wed.	8:07	8:22	1:22	1:39
February 23:	Thurs.	8:47	9:02	2:00	2:10
February 24:	Fri.	9:26	9:41	2:37	2:43
February 25:	Sat.	10:05	10:19	3:13	3:18
February 26:	Sun.	10:05	10:19	3:13	3:18

Phases of the Moon	Last Quarter	February 14th
	New Moon	February 21st
	First Quarter	March 1st
	Full Moon	March 8th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an armadillo. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the armadillo you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Armadillo Points! You can then use these points to get cool Armadillo Prizes! Each time you find the Armadillo you will also be entered in our monthly drawing for other cool Armadillo Prizes. If you would like to enter the monthly drawing by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Armadillo, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Entries by mail will not be eligible for Armadillo Points.

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Armadillo*
In the February 2, 2012 issue the Armadillo was on page 2!

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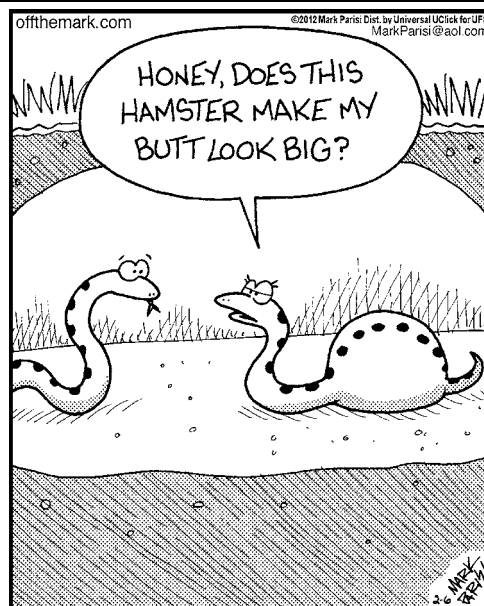
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1	7	2	5	4	9	3	8	6
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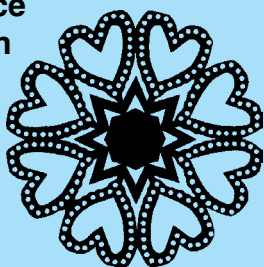
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